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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 1985 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES SEASONALLY

The actual unemployment rate for Texas dropped from 7.7 percent in July to 7.0 percent in August, as the number of unemployed declined by 65,000 to a total of 559,800 in mid-August. The current rate was, however, considerably above the year-ago rate of 5.6 percent. Most of the over-the-month decrease came as unsuccessful summer job-seekers dropped out of the labor force to prepare for school. There were 7,484,700 employed Texans in August, down slightly from both the previous month's and the year-ago levels.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also decreased between July and August, from 7.3 percent to 7.1 percent. The current rate in this series was also above the August 1984 rate of 5.7 percent. Both the seasonally adjusted and the actual Texas rates in August were higher than the comparable National rates. The U. S. actual unemployment rate declined to 6.9 percent in August, while the seasonally adjusted rate dropped to 7.0 percent.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	116,679.0	117,536.0	115,076.0
Unemployment	8,051.0	8,682.0	8,382.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.4	7.3
Total Employment	108,628.0	108,854.0	106,694.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	115,299.0	115,313.0	113,629.0
Unemployment	8,127.0	8,451.0	8,481.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.3	7.5
Total Employment	107,172.0	106,862.0	105,148.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,044.5	8,163.6	7,967.2
Unemployment	559.8	624.8	444.3
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.7	5.6
Total Employment	7,484.7	7,538.8	7,522.9
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,001.0	8,033.0	7,924.0
Unemployment	570.0	589.0	450.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.3	5.7
Total Employment	7,431.0	7,444.0	7,474.0

NONFARM SALARIED EMPLOYMENT DIPS

For the second consecutive month this year, nonagricultural wage and salary employment declined between July and August, as 16,200 jobs were lost over the month. In mid-August, there were an estimated 6,575,800 nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas. The majority of the both the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industry sectors deleted jobs over the month, as seasonal factors combined with a slower economy. The nonmanufacturing category as a whole decreased by 14,600 in August, as only two major groups produced increases in employment -- wholesale and retail trade and finance, insurance and real estate.

Moderate growth in the retail portion of trade was generated primarily by employers in food, general merchandise, and apparel and accessory stores, as some hiring for back-to-school sales was reported. Seasonal declines occurred in building materials

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug. '85*	July'85**	Aug. '84**	Aug. '85*	July'85**	Aug. '84**	Aug. '85*	July'85**	Aug. '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	52,700	52,800	51,800	80,700	80,200	80,200	340,700	340,600	324,200
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,500	9,900	9,700	10,300	41,800	42,000	41,000
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,600	1,600	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,100	5,300	5,200	5,000	29,500	29,200	26,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,900	2,900	6,300	6,200	6,600	9,500	9,500	9,100
Trade	14,600	14,600	13,900	24,800	24,700	24,200	75,200	74,900	72,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,400	4,300	4,400	25,300	25,000	22,900
Services & Misc.	12,400	12,400	12,100	15,900	16,000	15,500	79,900	79,800	72,500
Government	7,400	7,400	7,600	12,500	12,500	12,300	78,400	79,100	78,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	136,100	137,200	143,700	57,800	58,100	59,200	63,900	63,600	63,000
Manufacturing	26,800	27,500	31,500	16,600	16,700	17,200	10,200	10,300	10,900
Mining	2,700	2,800	3,000	2,100	2,100	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,900	9,000	9,900	5,900	6,000	7,000	3,600	3,600	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,500	11,500	12,000	2,500	2,500	2,700	3,400	3,300	3,200
Trade	34,200	34,100	34,300	11,200	11,200	11,000	18,400	18,500	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,600	2,400	2,400	2,300	3,400	3,400	3,200
Services & Misc.	28,000	28,100	28,900	7,600	7,600	7,600	11,900	11,800	11,800
Government	18,400	18,600	18,500	9,500	9,600	9,000	12,900	12,600	12,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	47,600	47,500	46,100	133,500	134,900	132,600	1,240.8	1,239.4	1,218.6
Manufacturing	3,500	3,400	3,200	13,400	13,500	13,800	222.1	222.0	223.6
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	7,400	7,500	7,800	24.0	24.0	23.4
Construction	2,700	2,700	3,100	11,700	12,400	10,400	83.2	83.2	79.6
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,600	1,600	7,700	7,800	7,600	77.8	77.5	76.0
Trade	11,100	11,000	10,100	34,800	34,600	33,800	327.9	327.0	324.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,300	6,300	6,700	118.8	118.5	114.8
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,600	7,300	26,600	27,100	26,100	260.6	260.3	255.9
Government	17,600	17,800	17,500	25,600	25,700	26,400	126.4	126.9	121.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	174,100	173,400	169,800	484,100	483,800	467,700	72,900	73,400	70,500
Manufacturing	40,300	39,300	38,900	110,100	110,200	105,700	10,000	10,400	10,300
Mining	500	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,400	1,200	1,200	1,000
Construction	9,500	9,500	9,300	30,300	30,700	29,800	4,200	4,000	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,300	9,600	10,100	24,000	24,300	23,800	5,800	5,900	6,000
Trade	41,600	41,500	40,600	132,800	131,900	131,300	14,400	14,500	14,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,600	8,700	8,300	27,500	27,400	25,900	5,000	5,000	4,900
Services & Misc.	31,100	31,200	30,000	97,400	97,700	92,000	13,400	13,400	12,200
Government	33,200	33,100	32,200	57,300	57,000	54,800	18,900	19,000	17,100

and garden supplies, along with a minimal drop in other retail trade, which includes eating and drinking places. Wholesale trade also registered a minor downturn in August. Seasonal increases helped to push employment up in finance, insurance and real estate, particularly among insurance carriers, agents and brokers.

For the first time since January construction jobs decreased, but only 200 fewer positions were reported over the month. The slowdown came as some summer workers left construction jobs to return to school. Over 1,000 positions were cut in mining over the month, as demand for domestic oil continued to drop. More than 5,000 oil and gas jobs have been lost during the past twelve months.

Transportation and public utilities declined by 3,100 between July and August, as a labor-management dispute idled workers in trucking and transportation by air began slacking off at the end of the summer travel season. Seasonal influences were evident in services which lost 5,600 jobs in August. The departure of many students working in business and repair services during the summer, particularly in temporary help supply agencies, pushed employment down significantly in this sector. Other services and miscellaneous declined by 3,600 over the month as help hired for the summer in legal services also left for school and sports and recreational facilities began laying off workers at summer's end. Amusements, including motion pictures, began deleting jobs as summer activities wound to a close.

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Industry	Aug.'85*	July'85**	Aug.'84**	Aug.'85*	July'85**	Aug.'84**	Aug.'85*	July'85**	Aug.'84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,491.2	1,493.9	1,458.8	65,900	65,900	65,000	32,500	32,800	31,600
Manufacturing	174.3	174.7	176.5	8,800	8,800	8,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
Mining	98.4	98.3	96.3	--	--	--	1,700	1,800	1,600
Construction	111.2	111.3	117.4	4,200	4,100	3,800	1,500	1,500	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	104.2	104.2	101.7	3,000	3,000	3,300	3,700	3,700	3,400
Trade	370.7	371.4	369.7	16,200	16,200	16,000	9,900	9,900	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	118.0	117.6	110.3	3,000	3,100	2,700	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	340.1	342.1	322.9	11,900	12,000	11,800	5,100	5,100	5,000
Government	174.3	174.3	164.0	18,800	18,700	18,500	7,100	7,300	7,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,500	65,800	66,700	92,500	92,400	88,700	77,800	77,100	76,100
Manufacturing	15,000	15,000	15,200	8,500	8,700	8,300	10,500	10,700	10,200
Mining	4,800	4,900	4,800	400	500	600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Construction	4,300	4,400	5,000	5,500	5,200	4,500	4,700	4,500	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,400	5,100	5,100	4,600	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trade	16,200	16,200	16,300	27,000	27,100	26,200	23,700	23,700	23,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,000	5,900	5,900	5,600	3,600	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	10,900	10,900	11,000	19,700	19,800	19,500	12,100	12,000	11,900
Government	7,800	7,900	8,000	20,400	20,100	18,900	18,600	18,000	18,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	51,700	51,800	51,500	53,600	54,100	53,700	38,200	38,200	37,500
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,500	4,600	4,600	5,000	5,300	5,300	5,500
Mining	12,000	11,800	12,700	8,200	8,400	8,700	900	900	900
Construction	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,100	4,100	3,900	2,600	2,600	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,700	3,900	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,600	12,700	12,400	16,000	16,100	15,700	9,900	10,000	9,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,500	3,600	2,000	2,100	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,200	8,600	8,200	8,200	8,000	7,600	7,500	7,400
Government	6,100	6,200	5,500	7,900	8,000	7,500	6,200	6,300	6,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	472,600	472,600	459,400	37,200	37,200	36,900	46,200	46,300	45,100
Manufacturing	50,900	50,600	52,200	12,200	12,000	12,500	7,500	7,500	7,700
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,500	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	37,100	37,100	35,700	1,300	1,500	1,200	1,900	2,000	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,400	18,200	18,400	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	127,100	126,600	121,600	8,200	8,100	7,900	12,000	11,900	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,100	36,100	34,300	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	101,800	102,400	99,500	7,100	7,200	6,800	8,500	8,700	8,400
Government	97,700	98,100	94,200	4,600	4,600	4,800	12,600	12,500	11,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	60,500	62,200	61,200	29,600	29,900	29,500	76,600	76,500	75,900
Manufacturing	10,900	12,600	12,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	15,900	15,700	16,500
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,600	2,800	2,900	3,200	--	--	--
Construction	3,300	3,400	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,600	4,600	4,500	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,700	3,700	3,500
Trade	16,200	16,200	15,900	8,400	8,300	8,100	19,400	19,300	19,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400	1,600	1,700	1,600	4,900	4,800	5,000
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,500	12,400	5,300	5,400	5,600	17,400	17,600	16,700
Government	7,700	7,700	7,600	4,100	4,100	3,900	10,700	10,900	10,700
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,200	51,300	51,200						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,100	9,500						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,400						
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,700	12,700	12,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,400	9,400	9,400						
Government	9,400	9,600	9,700						

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1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Aug. 1985*	July 1985**	Aug. 1984**	Change From July 1985	Change From Aug. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,575,800	6,592,000	6,445,100	-16,200	130,700
Manufacturing	998,800	1,000,400	1,003,200	-1,600	-4,400
Durable Goods	582,000	584,100	584,200	-2,100	-2,200
Lumber & Wood Products	41,600	41,800	43,000	-200	-1,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,900	7,400	-100	-600
Furniture & Fixtures	17,600	17,300	17,700	300	-100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	51,000	50,700	49,600	300	1,400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	25,500	25,500	23,400	0	2,100
Primary Metal Industries	35,600	35,800	37,000	-200	-1,400
Fabricated Metal Industries	84,400	84,400	83,300	0	1,100
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,800	43,500	43,600	300	200
Machinery, Except Electrical	126,600	129,100	132,800	-2,500	-6,200
Oil Field Machinery	38,900	39,400	39,500	-500	-600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	111,500	111,900	110,800	-400	700
Transportation Equipment	79,200	78,600	74,400	600	4,800
Aircraft & Parts	41,700	41,000	36,200	700	5,500
Instruments & Related Products	22,200	22,200	22,900	0	-700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,300	12,300	12,700	0	-400
Nondurable Goods	416,800	416,300	419,000	500	-2,200
Food & Kindred Products	99,500	99,100	94,800	400	4,700
Meat Products	27,500	26,900	25,600	600	1,900
Dairy Products	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	100
Bakery Products	11,900	11,800	10,500	100	1,400
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,100	3,100	-100	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,700	4,700	5,000	0	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	59,200	57,900	62,600	1,300	-3,400
Paper & Allied Products	23,700	23,600	24,100	100	-400
Printing & Publishing	73,500	73,400	72,000	100	1,500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	37,200	37,100	35,800	100	1,400
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,900	76,300	76,900	-400	-1,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	40,300	40,600	41,300	-300	-1,500
Petroleum Refining	37,200	37,400	38,600	-200	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	7,600	7,500	7,900	100	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	32,400	33,200	33,900	-800	-1,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,577,000	5,591,600	5,441,900	-14,600	135,100
Mining	267,700	268,800	273,100	-1,100	-5,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	258,100	259,200	263,500	-1,100	-5,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0
Construction	447,000	447,200	436,200	-200	10,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	374,600	377,700	374,500	-3,100	100
Railroad Transportation	23,900	23,900	25,400	0	-1,500
Transportation, Except Railroads	183,000	186,200	180,100	-3,200	2,900
Transportation by Air	40,200	40,900	37,900	-700	2,300
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	86,900	86,900	89,300	0	-2,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,800	80,700	79,700	100	1,100
Electric Services	45,200	45,200	44,500	0	700
Gas Production & Distribution	28,800	28,900	29,300	-100	-500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,646,800	1,645,700	1,623,600	1,100	23,200
Wholesale Trade	427,100	427,400	430,700	-300	-3,600
Retail Trade	1,219,700	1,218,300	1,192,900	1,400	26,800
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	56,900	57,600	55,500	-700	1,400
General Merchandise Stores	158,200	157,600	154,000	600	4,200
Food Stores	218,900	218,100	212,500	800	6,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	141,200	140,800	137,700	400	3,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,200	80,700	81,600	500	-400
Other Retail Trade	563,300	563,500	551,600	-200	11,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	429,500	428,600	417,900	900	11,600
Banking	107,200	107,100	105,300	100	1,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	132,000	131,400	128,200	600	3,800
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	190,300	190,100	184,400	200	5,900
Services	1,316,700	1,322,300	1,263,800	-5,600	52,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,800	80,900	79,300	900	2,500
Personal Services	83,100	82,500	77,800	600	5,300
Business & Repair Services	368,300	370,800	355,500	-2,500	12,800
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	70,200	71,700	53,200	-1,500	17,000
Health Services	344,300	344,300	343,200	0	1,100
Educational Services	50,000	49,500	48,900	500	1,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	319,000	322,600	305,900	-3,600	13,100
Total Government	1,094,700	1,101,300	1,052,800	-6,600	41,900
Total Federal Government	188,900	189,500	177,800	-600	11,100
Total State Government	266,900	268,600	242,400	-1,700	24,500
Total Local Government	638,900	643,200	632,600	-4,300	6,300

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	Aug. '85*	July'85**	Aug. '84**	Aug. '85*	July'85**	Aug. '84**	Aug. '85*	July'85**	Aug. '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,200	64,900	63,900	103,400	104,100	103,400	396,200	400,500	379,700
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,800	2,700	5,500	6,100	4,400	17,900	20,400	12,800
Percent Unemployed	5.1	5.9	4.2	5.3	5.9	4.3	4.5	5.1	3.4
Total Employment 2/	60,900	61,100	61,200	97,900	98,000	99,000	378,300	380,100	366,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	174,400	179,400	181,700	84,100	85,700	85,200	93,100	94,800	93,400
Total Unemployment	23,600	26,500	18,600	7,300	7,900	4,900	12,100	14,100	11,800
Percent Unemployed	13.5	14.8	10.2	8.7	9.2	5.8	13.0	14.9	12.6
Total Employment 2/	150,800	152,900	163,100	76,800	77,800	80,300	81,000	80,700	81,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,300	59,500	57,200	171,900	176,100	170,900	1,331.3	1,343.8	1,317.0
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,400	2,100	15,500	17,200	13,300	64.9	70.3	45.2
Percent Unemployed	4.8	5.7	3.7	9.0	9.8	7.8	4.9	5.2	3.4
Total Employment 2/	55,500	56,100	55,100	156,400	158,900	157,500	1,266.4	1,273.5	1,271.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	206,000	209,800	203,800	625,300	633,500	610,700	98,000	100,300	94,900
Total Unemployment	21,600	24,900	19,900	31,600	35,800	22,600	10,400	11,900	8,500
Percent Unemployed	10.5	11.9	9.8	5.1	5.7	3.7	10.6	11.9	9.0
Total Employment 2/	184,400	184,900	183,900	593,700	597,700	588,100	87,600	88,400	86,400
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,710.3	1,739.4	1,688.4	81,100	82,500	79,300	39,000	40,400	39,300
Total Unemployment	129.2	146.7	104.4	5,400	6,100	3,900	5,200	5,900	5,900
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.4	6.2	6.7	7.4	4.9	13.3	14.6	15.0
Total Employment 2/	1,581.1	1,592.7	1,584.0	75,700	76,400	75,400	33,800	34,500	33,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,300	79,400	79,500	113,800	115,400	111,700	115,700	117,500	114,600
Total Unemployment	7,600	8,400	6,000	6,400	7,600	5,600	23,700	24,700	22,600
Percent Unemployed	9.7	10.6	7.5	5.6	6.6	5.0	20.5	21.0	19.7
Total Employment 2/	70,700	71,000	73,500	107,400	107,300	106,100	92,000	92,800	92,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	65,500	66,300	66,400	69,200	70,600	69,900	51,500	52,600	51,200
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,600	2,500	4,100	4,600	3,300	2,500	3,100	2,000
Percent Unemployed	4.9	5.4	3.8	5.9	6.5	4.7	4.9	5.9	3.9
Total Employment 2/	62,300	62,700	63,900	65,100	66,000	66,600	49,000	49,500	49,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	546,900	555,100	537,800	43,500	44,100	43,100	53,300	53,500	51,300
Total Unemployment	32,600	37,100	25,800	3,000	3,400	1,900	4,800	4,700	3,600
Percent Unemployed	6.0	6.7	4.8	6.9	7.7	4.4	9.0	8.8	7.0
Total Employment 2/	514,300	518,000	512,000	40,500	40,700	41,200	48,500	48,800	47,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,500	83,400	82,300	38,900	39,500	39,400	93,900	95,100	93,800
Total Unemployment	6,600	5,500	3,900	2,600	3,000	2,100	5,400	6,200	4,000
Percent Unemployed	8.0	6.6	4.7	6.7	7.6	5.3	5.8	6.5	4.3
Total Employment 2/	75,900	77,900	78,400	36,300	36,500	37,300	88,500	88,900	89,800
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	62,100	63,000	63,300				8,044.5	8,163.6	7,967.2
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,700	2,800				559.8	624.8	444.3
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.9	4.4				7.0	7.7	5.6
Total Employment 2/	58,800	59,300	60,500				7,484.7	7,538.8	7,522.9

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug.± 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984	Aug.± 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984	Aug.± 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984
		FOR TEXAS							
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 385.63	$ 381.64	$ 376.13	41.2	40.6	41.7	$ 9.36	$ 9.40	$ 9.02
Durable Goods	383.05	376.58	370.82	41.5	40.8	41.9	9.23	9.23	8.85
Lumber & Wood Products	270.36	272.70	263.07	39.7	40.4	39.5	6.81	6.75	6.66
Furniture & Fixtures	254.63	241.55	229.63	39.6	38.1	38.4	6.43	6.34	5.98
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	388.51	389.76	356.75	45.6	44.8	43.4	8.52	8.70	8.22
Primary Metal Industries	435.27	432.37	413.76	42.3	41.1	41.5	10.29	10.52	9.97
Fabricated Metal Products	358.39	360.86	347.32	41.1	41.1	41.2	8.72	8.78	8.43
Machinery, exc. Electric	392.23	391.38	390.57	40.9	40.6	43.3	9.59	9.64	9.02
Oil Field Machinery	461.85	457.85	487.80	41.2	41.1	45.0	11.21	11.14	10.84
Electric & Electronic Equip.	407.54	381.03	411.45	41.0	39.0	42.2	9.94	9.77	9.75
Transportation Equipment	517.41	496.94	492.06	42.1	40.8	42.9	12.29	12.18	11.47
Instruments & Related Prod.	324.01	310.86	300.85	40.1	39.3	39.9	8.08	7.91	7.54
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	252.89	252.95	273.44	39.7	39.4	39.4	6.37	6.42	6.94
Nondurable Goods	389.23	389.05	383.88	40.8	40.4	41.5	9.54	9.63	9.25
Food & Kindred Products	338.02	342.13	341.20	42.2	42.5	43.8	8.01	8.05	7.79
Meat Products	273.90	280.26	291.40	41.5	42.4	44.9	6.60	6.61	6.49
Malt Beverages	844.19	843.18	769.92	50.1	50.1	48.0	16.85	16.83	16.04
Textile Mill Products	298.25	287.18	266.59	43.1	41.5	40.7	6.92	6.92	6.55
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	192.92	181.98	186.35	37.1	35.2	37.8	5.20	5.17	4.93
Paper & Allied Products	448.42	432.85	425.97	43.2	41.5	43.6	10.38	10.43	9.77
Printing & Publishing	370.12	361.69	355.77	40.1	39.4	40.2	9.23	9.18	8.85
Chemicals & Allied Products	618.72	628.66	601.51	42.7	43.0	42.5	14.49	14.62	14.12
Petroleum & Coal Products	545.03	552.51	585.01	39.9	40.3	42.3	13.66	13.71	13.83
Petroleum Refining	560.99	567.62	606.32	39.9	40.2	42.4	14.06	14.12	14.30
Leather & Leather Products	210.14	192.39	205.86	38.7	36.3	36.5	5.43	5.30	5.64
Other Nondurable Goods	374.82	365.92	352.78	41.6	41.3	42.3	9.01	8.86	8.34
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	485.63	481.31	465.68	42.9	43.4	45.3	11.32	11.09	10.28
Oil & Gas Extraction	485.93	480.82	467.37	42.7	43.2	45.2	11.38	11.13	10.34
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	466.86	481.44	418.93	46.5	47.2	46.6	10.04	10.20	8.99
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	461.74	459.02	438.85	39.6	39.3	39.5	11.66	11.68	11.11
Elec., Gas & San. Services	457.41	458.40	432.64	40.3	40.0	40.7	11.35	11.46	10.63
Wholesale & Retail Trade	231.77	231.44	232.88	33.3	33.3	34.5	6.96	6.95	6.75
Wholesale Trade	375.60	376.00	365.42	40.0	40.0	40.2	9.39	9.40	9.09
Retail Trade	186.58	185.95	189.08	31.2	31.2	32.6	5.98	5.96	5.80
General Merchandise Stores	187.88	187.20	160.29	30.5	31.2	30.3	6.16	6.00	5.29
Banking	267.14	271.04	259.74	38.0	38.5	39.0	7.03	7.04	6.66

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 380.88	$ 371.79	$ 362.71	41.4	40.5	41.5	$ 9.20	$ 9.18	$ 8.74
Durable Goods	399.36	387.03	380.45	41.6	40.4	41.9	9.60	9.58	9.08
Nondurable Goods	338.22	335.75	325.21	40.7	40.5	40.6	8.31	8.29	8.01
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	392.64	386.51	363.66	41.2	40.6	41.8	9.53	9.52	8.70
Durable Goods	412.34	401.94	373.22	41.4	40.6	41.7	9.96	9.90	8.95
Nondurable Goods	344.29	347.04	341.04	40.6	40.4	42.0	8.48	8.59	8.12
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	468.26	471.10	464.83	42.3	42.1	43.0	11.07	11.19	10.81
Durable Goods	413.10	407.97	409.02	42.5	41.8	43.1	9.72	9.76	9.49
Nondurable Goods	546.07	560.22	540.11	42.2	42.7	42.9	12.94	13.12	12.59
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	291.82	287.75	273.91	40.7	39.8	40.4	7.17	7.23	6.78
Durable Goods	313.55	309.00	302.33	42.2	41.2	41.7	7.43	7.50	7.25
Nondurable Goods	270.48	267.19	245.55	39.2	38.5	39.1	6.90	6.94	6.28

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

The largest number of cutbacks over the month was recorded in government, where all three sectors declined for a total loss of 6,600 in August. Local government employment dropped by 4,300 as workers hired for summer recreational programs were released and the summer school semester ended. State government also recorded seasonal layoffs, as did federal government to a lesser degree.

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Manufacturing employment declined by 1,600 in August, with almost all of the decreases concentrated in the durable goods sector, which lost 2,100 jobs over the month. The largest decrease was in nonelectrical machinery, where the combined effects of several large layoffs and a vacation shutdown deleted 2,500 jobs over the month. This industry, which includes the making of computer components and oil field machinery, has lost 6,200 positions since last August. Smaller declines occurred in electric and electronic equipment, in lumber and wood products and in primary metal industries. The largest of the moderate increases in durable goods was in transportation equipment, which gained 600 jobs in August. Most of this growth was the result of a recall of workers in aircraft and parts. Furniture and fixtures, along with stone, clay and glass products, registered modest advances over the month.

Nondurable goods registered an overall gain of 500 in August, as one large increase and several smaller ones were partially nullified by a few downturns. The one significant advance was in apparel and other textile products, where 1,300 jobs were added as workers who had been on unpaid vacations were recalled. The largest decline was the loss of 800 jobs in other nondurable goods; while smaller drops occurred in chemicals and allied products and petroleum and coal products.

HOURS UP, EARNINGS DIP IN AUGUST

While the average number of hours worked by manufacturing production workers rose by 0.6 hour between July and August, average hourly earnings declined by 4¢, holding the increase in average weekly earnings to $3.99 over the month. In mid-August, the average worker was earning $9.36 per hour for a 41.2-hour work week, and averaging $385.63 per week. Durable goods industries were largely responsible for the increase in the number of hours worked in August, although some nondurable industries also reported increases.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1985	Aug. 1984
Total Population	16,276,500	16,011,300*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.3
UI Covered Employers	312,144	303,076
Total Claims Actions	449,408	427,387
Total Initial Claims Actions	61,950	60,119
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	388,458	367,268
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$143.63	$133.75
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$52,899,212	$43,048,542
Total Placements	41,276	49,475

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Compared to a year earlier, average hours had declined by 0.5 hour, while average hourly earnings had risen by 34¢, for an over-the-year increase in average weekly earnings of $9.50 per week.

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EMPLOYER SEMINARS SCHEDULED

Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers, the employer representative at TEC, is holding half-day seminars with employers throughout the State aimed at helping them control unemployment tax costs. TEC representatives will discuss laws and procedures concerning unemployment insurance taxes, ideas for cost reduction, the appeals process and fraud control. Seminars will be held from 8:00-11:30 a.m. in the following locations during the remainder of 1984:

(1) Dallas-Thurs., Nov. 7, Regent Hotel
(2) Sherman-Fri., Nov. 8, Sheraton Hotel
(3) Wichita Falls-Thurs., Nov. 21, Hilton
(4) Texarkana-Fri., Nov. 22, Howard Johnson
(5) Laredo-Thurs., Dec. 5, La Posada Hotel
(6) San Antonio-Fri., Dec. 6, Marriott North

The schedule for 14 similar seminars to be held in January-April 1986 will be announced late this year. For more information, call (512) 463-2425.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sep. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sep. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	115,850.0	116,679.0	113,843.0
Unemployment	7,984.0	8,051.0	8,051.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	6.9	7.1
Total Employment	107,866.0	108,628.0	105,792.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	115,818.0	115,299.0	113,764.0
Unemployment	8,274.0	8,127.0	8,370.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.0	7.4
Total Employment	107,544.0	107,172.0	105,394.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,996.6	8,044.5	7,959.1
Unemployment	577.1	559.8	463.3
Percent Unemployed	7.2	7.0	5.8
Total Employment	7,419.5	7,484.7	7,495.8
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,976.0	8,001.0	7,937.0
Unemployment	568.0	570.0	447.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.1	5.6
Total Employment	7,408.0	7,431.0	7,490.0

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES SLIGHTLY

The number of jobless Texans rose by 17,300 between August and September, totaling 577,100 in mid-September in the actual series. The unemployment rate inched upward over the month from 7.0 percent to 7.2 percent, due primarily to an increase among re-entrants into the labor force (people who had previously withdrawn from the labor force and were once again seeking work). As has been the case for most of 1985, the current rates in both the actual and seasonally adjusted series were considerably above those for the same month in 1984. Texas rates continued to be at or above those for the Nation in both series, as the U. S. actual rate remained at 6.9 percent over the month and the seasonally adjusted rate was virtually unchanged at 7.1 percent, the same as the State's rate in this series. Total employment in the actual series declined by 65,200 over the month to a level of 7,419,500. Employment was also below the year-ago totals in both the actual and seasonally adjusted series.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep. '85*	Aug. '85**	Sep. '84**	Sep. '85*	Aug. '85**	Sep. '84**	Sep. '85*	Aug. '85**	Sep. '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	54,000	52,800	52,900	81,400	80,500	80,600	352,500	340,000	336,500
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	5,500	10,000	9,900	10,200	41,400	41,800	41,300
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,500	1,600	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	2,900	3,000	3,000	5,200	5,300	4,800	28,800	29,300	26,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,800	2,800	6,100	6,200	6,500	9,600	9,500	9,200
Trade	14,600	14,600	14,000	24,900	24,800	24,000	75,100	75,100	73,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,300	4,400	4,400	25,400	25,300	23,000
Services & Misc.	13,000	12,400	12,800	15,800	15,900	15,500	80,700	79,700	73,400
Government	8,000	7,400	8,100	13,600	12,400	13,300	90,400	78,200	88,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	135,700	135,600	143,600	58,600	57,900	59,700	65,200	63,900	64,200
Manufacturing	26,700	26,800	30,900	16,600	16,600	17,300	10,100	10,100	10,700
Mining	2,700	2,700	3,000	2,100	2,100	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,700	8,700	10,000	5,800	5,900	6,900	3,500	3,700	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,400	11,400	11,900	2,500	2,500	2,600	3,300	3,400	3,100
Trade	33,400	34,100	34,000	11,100	11,200	11,000	18,300	18,400	18,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,600	2,400	2,400	2,200	3,400	3,400	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,600	28,000	28,400	7,500	7,600	7,400	11,900	11,900	11,800
Government	19,700	18,400	19,800	10,600	9,600	9,900	14,600	12,900	14,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,500	47,400	48,600	137,000	134,900	134,000	1,248.3	1,240.9	1,228.9
Manufacturing	3,600	3,500	3,300	13,500	13,400	13,900	221.8	222.2	224.0
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,400	7,400	7,400	8,000	23.7	24.0	23.4
Construction	2,600	2,700	3,200	12,100	12,400	10,300	82.4	83.1	78.8
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,600	7,700	7,800	7,700	78.2	78.3	76.0
Trade	11,400	11,000	10,500	35,100	34,900	33,900	328.2	328.2	324.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900	6,400	6,400	6,600	118.6	118.7	114.9
Services & Misc.	7,800	7,600	7,400	27,400	26,800	26,100	261.2	260.1	257.7
Government	18,000	17,600	19,300	27,400	25,800	27,500	134.2	126.3	129.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	177,200	175,200	171,500	488,700	486,200	471,700	74,100	72,800	72,900
Manufacturing	41,600	41,600	38,600	110,300	109,900	108,700	9,800	10,000	10,300
Mining	500	500	400	4,600	4,600	4,700	1,200	1,200	1,000
Construction	9,600	9,500	9,100	30,200	31,000	29,200	4,100	4,200	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,500	9,300	9,900	23,900	24,100	23,600	5,700	5,700	6,000
Trade	41,800	41,700	40,700	134,100	134,100	131,900	14,100	14,400	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,600	8,600	8,300	27,600	27,700	25,900	4,900	5,000	4,900
Services & Misc.	31,000	31,100	30,100	96,900	97,400	90,200	13,000	13,400	12,200
Government	34,600	32,900	34,400	61,100	57,400	57,500	21,300	18,900	19,900

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT INCREASES SEASONALLY

The number of nonfarm salaried jobs in the State rose by a moderate 13,400 in September, totaling 6,594,900 at mid-month. The increase was centered in government, which generated 36,800 additional jobs. This gain was partially negated by losses in many other sectors. The advance in government was primarily seasonal, due to the staffing of local and state schools and colleges for the fall semester. Federal government posted a minor decrease which had little impact on the group's total gain.

The settlement of a labor-management dispute in transportation, except railroads, pushed employment in transportation and utilities up by 1,800 in September. The growth occurred despite smaller losses in electric, gas and sanitary services. Increases among insurance carriers, agents and brokers pushed employment up by 500 in finance, insurance and real estate over the month. Some seasonal growth in general merchandise and food stores generated the only increases in wholesale and retail trade.

Services recorded the largest decrease in September, as every sector except educational services lost jobs. The most notable declines occurred in amusement,

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep. '85*	Aug. '85**	Sep. '84**	Sep. '85*	Aug. '85**	Sep. '84**	Sep. '85*	Aug. '85**	Sep. '84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,494.4	1,490.4	1,465.0	66,100	66,200	64,500	33,200	32,600	31,400
Manufacturing	173.1	173.5	177.0	8,700	8,800	8,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Mining	97.8	98.4	96.1	--	--	--	1,700	1,700	1,700
Construction	109.7	111.1	114.2	4,100	4,100	3,700	1,400	1,500	1,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	104.6	104.0	101.8	3,000	3,000	3,100	3,700	3,700	3,400
Trade	369.8	370.7	370.4	16,200	16,400	15,900	10,000	10,000	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	118.1	118.3	109.8	3,000	3,000	2,700	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	339.4	340.6	324.6	12,200	12,000	11,900	5,200	5,100	5,000
Government	181.9	173.8	171.1	18,900	18,900	18,500	7,700	7,100	7,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,100	65,800	66,700	94,700	93,000	91,300	80,800	77,800	77,400
Manufacturing	15,100	15,000	15,200	8,400	8,500	8,800	10,800	10,500	10,200
Mining	4,700	4,800	4,800	400	400	600	1,700	1,800	1,800
Construction	4,500	4,300	5,000	5,500	5,700	4,400	4,600	4,700	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,400	3,400	5,200	5,100	4,800	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trade	16,400	16,400	16,300	27,900	27,300	26,600	23,900	23,700	23,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	3,100	3,000	5,700	5,900	5,600	3,600	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	11,000	10,900	11,000	19,900	19,700	19,900	12,400	12,100	12,000
Government	8,300	7,900	8,000	21,700	20,400	20,600	21,000	18,600	19,800
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	51,600	51,800	52,100	53,200	53,600	53,500	38,800	38,200	38,600
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,600	4,400	4,500	5,000	5,400	5,200	5,600
Mining	11,500	11,800	12,800	8,100	8,300	8,800	900	900	900
Construction	2,700	2,800	2,800	4,000	4,000	3,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,900	3,900	3,800
Trade	12,400	12,600	12,200	16,100	16,000	15,800	10,000	10,000	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,600	3,600	2,000	2,000	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	9,000	9,100	8,800	8,200	8,300	7,900	7,500	7,500	7,800
Government	6,800	6,200	5,800	7,800	7,900	7,400	6,600	6,200	6,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	474,700	472,500	464,500	37,500	37,100	37,400	46,400	46,100	46,200
Manufacturing	49,500	51,000	52,100	11,900	12,100	12,500	7,600	7,500	7,700
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,600	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	36,100	37,200	35,000	1,400	1,300	1,200	1,900	1,900	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,300	18,300	18,300	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,900	1,900
Trade	127,700	127,400	122,800	8,200	8,200	8,000	12,000	12,100	11,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,100	36,100	34,000	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	102,000	101,700	99,500	7,300	7,100	7,100	8,600	8,500	8,300
Government	101,500	97,300	99,200	4,900	4,600	4,900	12,700	12,400	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	62,400	60,900	61,300	29,900	29,400	29,600	78,200	76,400	77,600
Manufacturing	12,300	11,300	12,600	2,900	3,000	2,900	15,800	15,900	16,100
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,600	2,800	2,700	3,100	--	--	--
Construction	3,400	3,300	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,700	4,500	4,500	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	3,000	2,900	1,700	1,500	1,500	3,700	3,700	3,600
Trade	16,300	16,200	15,900	8,700	8,400	8,100	19,600	19,400	19,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,500	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,900	4,900
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,600	12,200	5,200	5,300	5,500	18,200	17,400	17,600
Government	8,000	7,700	7,800	4,100	4,000	4,200	11,600	10,600	11,300
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,800	51,200	51,600						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,200	9,200						
Mining	3,100	3,200	3,400						
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,700	12,700	12,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,500	9,400	9,600						
Government	10,100	9,400	10,200						

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* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Sep. 1985*	Aug. 1985**	Sep. 1984**	Change From Aug. 1985	Change From Sep. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,594,900	6,581,500	6,475,400	13,400	119,500
Manufacturing	997,400	1,000,700	1,008,200	-3,300	-10,800
Durable Goods	579,400	582,500	588,900	-3,100	-9,500
Lumber & Wood Products	41,900	41,700	43,400	200	-1,500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,900	6,900	7,300	0	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	17,700	17,600	18,000	100	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	50,600	50,900	49,100	-300	1,500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	25,600	25,600	23,400	0	2,200
Primary Metal Industries	35,900	35,700	36,900	200	-1,000
Fabricated Metal Industries	84,400	84,600	83,900	-200	500
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,700	43,900	43,900	-200	-200
Machinery, Except Electrical	125,200	126,500	133,300	-1,300	-8,100
Oil Field Machinery	38,300	38,700	40,200	-400	-1,900
Electric & Electronic Equipment	109,600	111,600	111,400	-2,000	-1,800
Transportation Equipment	79,400	79,300	76,900	100	2,500
Aircraft & Parts	42,000	41,700	39,000	300	3,000
Instruments & Related Products	22,300	22,300	23,100	0	-800
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,400	12,300	12,900	100	-500
Nondurable Goods	418,000	418,200	419,300	-200	-1300
Food & Kindred Products	100,800	99,900	96,100	900	4,700
Meat Products	27,700	27,400	25,700	300	2,000
Dairy Products	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	100
Bakery Products	12,100	11,900	10,600	200	1,500
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,000	3,000	100	100
Textile Mill Products	4,800	4,800	5,000	0	-200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	58,400	59,000	61,600	-600	-3,200
Paper & Allied Products	23,900	23,800	23,900	100	0
Printing & Publishing	73,200	73,500	72,100	-300	1,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	36,800	37,100	35,700	-300	1,100
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,700	76,000	77,000	-300	-1,300
Petroleum & Coal Products	40,400	40,400	41,800	0	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	37,200	37,300	38,600	-100	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	7,600	7,500	7,900	100	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	33,200	33,300	33,900	-100	-700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,597,500	5,580,800	5,467,200	16,700	130,300
Mining	263,300	267,100	271,700	-3,800	-8,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	253,600	257,600	262,100	-4,000	-8,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,700	9,500	9,600	200	100
Construction	440,100	446,700	428,000	-6,600	12,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	376,700	374,900	374,000	1,800	2,700
Railroad Transportation	23,700	23,700	25,500	0	-1,800
Transportation, Except Railroads	186,200	183,800	180,600	2,400	5,600
Transportation by Air	41,400	41,100	37,800	300	3,600
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	86,800	86,800	89,100	0	-2,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,000	80,600	78,800	-600	1,200
Electric Services	44,800	45,200	44,100	-400	700
Gas Production & Distribution	28,500	28,700	28,800	-200	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,648,200	1,647,900	1,623,800	300	24,400
Wholesale Trade	426,000	426,800	429,200	-800	-3,200
Retail Trade	1,222,200	1,221,100	1,194,600	1,100	27,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	55,700	57,100	55,200	-1,400	500
General Merchandise Stores	160,900	158,400	155,200	2,500	5,700
Food Stores	220,500	219,100	214,100	1,400	6,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	141,500	141,800	137,000	-300	4,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,600	81,400	80,800	-800	-200
Other Retail Trade	563,000	563,300	552,300	-300	10,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	429,600	429,100	418,700	500	10,900
Banking	107,100	107,200	105,200	-100	1,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	132,200	131,700	128,500	500	3,700
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	190,300	190,200	185,000	100	5,300
Services	1,308,200	1,320,500	1,271,700	-12,300	36,500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	79,100	81,800	78,400	-2,700	700
Personal Services	82,600	83,000	78,500	-400	4,100
Business & Repair Services	365,700	370,900	357,800	-5,200	7,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	63,800	70,300	51,100	-6,500	12,700
Health Services	343,000	344,800	342,300	-1,800	700
Educational Services	57,800	50,500	58,600	7,300	-800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	316,200	319,200	305,000	-3,000	11,200
Total Government	1,131,400	1,094,600	1,079,300	36,800	52,100
Total Federal Government	186,800	189,400	177,400	-2,600	9,400
Total State Government	276,000	265,400	250,700	10,600	25,300
Total Local Government	668,600	639,800	651,200	28,800	17,400

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
	Sep.'85*	Aug.'85**	Sep.'84**	Sep.'85*	Aug.'85**	Sep.'84**	Sep.'85*	Aug.'85**	Sep.'84**
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,500	64,200	64,200	102,500	103,300	103,000	401,800	395,400	388,700
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,300	2,600	6,000	5,500	4,700	18,700	17,900	13,200
Percent Unemployed	5.1	5.1	4.0	5.9	5.3	4.6	4.7	4.5	3.4
Total Employment 2/	61,200	60,900	61,600	96,500	97,800	98,300	383,100	377,500	375,500

	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	171,900	174,000	180,200	83,500	84,100	85,100	92,700	93,000	93,500
Total Unemployment	23,300	23,600	19,200	7,200	7,300	5,000	12,900	12,100	12,300
Percent Unemployed	13.6	13.6	10.7	8.6	8.7	5.9	13.9	13.0	[illegible]
Total Employment 2/	148,600	150,400	161,000	76,300	76,800	80,100	79,800	80,900	[illegible]

	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,900	58,200	58,800	172,800	172,800	170,100	1,321.0	1,330.3	1,316.2
Total Unemployment	2,900	2,800	2,100	16,000	15,500	13,500	67.3	64.8	49.1
Percent Unemployed	5.0	4.8	3.6	9.3	9.0	7.9	5.1	4.9	3.7
Total Employment 2/	55,000	55,400	56,700	156,800	157,300	156,600	1,253.7	1,265.5	1,267.1

	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	208,500	206,900	205,600	624,600	628,300	609,000	97,700	97,900	95,700
Total Unemployment	22,200	21,600	20,700	34,800	31,700	24,100	10,800	10,300	8,700
Percent Unemployed	10.6	10.4	10.1	5.6	5.0	4.0	11.1	10.5	9.1
Total Employment 2/	186,300	185,300	184,900	589,800	596,600	584,900	86,900	87,600	87,000

	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,689.6	1,708.6	1,678.3	81,000	81,400	78,400	38,800	39,200	38,900
Total Unemployment	131.9	129.3	107.7	6,400	5,500	4,200	5,200	5,200	5,900
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.6	6.4	7.9	6.8	5.4	13.4	13.3	15.2
Total Employment 2/	1,557.7	1,579.3	1,570.6	74,600	75,900	74,200	33,600	34,000	33,000

	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MI		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,800	78,300	78,800	114,400	114,200	113,400	118,000	115,500	[illegible]
Total Unemployment	7,900	7,600	6,200	6,500	6,400	5,700	25,100	23,600	[illegible]
Percent Unemployed	10.2	9.7	7.9	5.7	5.6	5.0	21.3	20.4	[illegible]
Total Employment 2/	69,900	70,700	72,600	107,900	107,800	107,700	92,900	91,900	[illegible]

	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,100	65,500	66,000	67,900	69,200	69,200	51,100	51,500	51,600
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,200	2,500	4,300	4,100	3,300	2,600	2,500	2,700
Percent Unemployed	5.0	4.9	3.8	6.3	5.9	4.8	5.1	4.9	[illegible]
Total Employment 2/	60,900	62,300	63,500	63,600	65,100	65,900	48,500	49,000	[illegible]

	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	543,400	546,700	537,600	43,500	43,500	43,000	53,100	53,300	[illegible]
Total Unemployment	35,400	32,700	27,000	3,400	3,000	2,100	5,100	4,900	[illegible]
Percent Unemployed	6.5	6.0	5.0	7.8	6.9	4.9	9.6	9.2	[illegible]
Total Employment 2/	508,000	514,000	510,600	40,100	40,500	40,900	48,000	48,400	[illegible]

	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,300	82,900	81,600	38,200	38,700	39,300	93,400	93,700	[illegible]
Total Unemployment	5,500	6,600	3,600	2,600	2,500	2,100	5,000	5,400	[illegible]
Percent Unemployed	6.7	8.0	4.4	6.8	6.5	5.3	5.4	5.8	[illegible]
Total Employment 2/	76,800	76,300	78,000	35,600	36,200	37,200	88,400	88,300	[illegible]

	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,700	62,100	63,500				7,996.6	8,044.5	7,959.1
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,300	3,300				577.1	559.8	463.3
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.3	5.2				7.2	7.0	5.8
Total Employment 2/	58,400	58,800	60,200				7,419.5	7,484.7	7,495.8

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep.± 1985	Aug. 1985	Sep. 1984	Sep.± 1985	Aug. 1985	Sep. 1984	Sep.± 1985	Aug. 1985	Sep. 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 392.59	$ 387.81	$ 379.54	41.5	41.3	41.8	$ 9.46	$ 9.39	$ 9.08
Durable Goods	389.16	383.88	371.60	41.8	41.5	41.8	9.31	9.25	8.89
Lumber & Wood Products	278.11	275.20	260.57	40.6	40.0	39.6	6.85	6.88	6.58
Furniture & Fixtures	252.73	254.47	225.02	39.8	40.2	38.4	6.35	6.33	5.86
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	390.12	386.96	356.44	45.1	45.1	43.1	8.65	8.58	8.27
Primary Metal Industries	434.70	435.14	411.10	42.0	41.8	41.4	10.35	10.41	9.93
Fabricated Metal Products	364.27	361.84	351.46	41.3	41.4	41.3	8.82	8.74	8.51
Machinery, exc. Electric	403.62	396.34	389.48	42.0	41.2	42.8	9.61	9.62	9.10
Oil Field Machinery	468.95	467.52	500.48	41.5	41.3	46.0	11.30	11.32	10.88
Electric & Electronic Equip.	413.50	403.74	417.64	40.9	40.7	43.1	10.11	9.92	9.69
Transportation Equipment	526.21	514.92	495.52	42.3	42.0	42.1	12.44	12.26	11.77
Instruments & Related Prod.	337.02	321.59	291.30	41.0	39.9	39.1	8.22	8.06	7.45
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	248.98	261.29	277.89	39.9	40.7	40.1	6.24	6.42	6.93
Nondurable Goods	396.47	392.78	389.06	41.0	41.0	41.7	9.67	9.58	9.33
Food & Kindred Products	338.98	337.08	343.66	42.8	42.4	44.4	7.92	7.95	7.74
Meat Products	287.71	277.44	299.99	43.2	42.1	45.8	6.66	6.59	6.55
Malt Beverages	794.38	844.19	704.47	47.2	50.1	44.7	16.83	16.85	15.76
Textile Mill Products	289.67	291.13	268.66	41.8	42.5	40.4	6.93	6.85	6.65
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	189.64	192.55	186.00	36.4	37.1	37.5	5.21	5.19	4.96
Paper & Allied Products	441.38	444.36	439.04	41.6	42.0	44.8	10.61	10.58	9.80
Printing & Publishing	373.20	372.37	359.96	40.0	40.3	40.4	9.33	9.24	8.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	625.65	618.55	605.35	43.0	42.6	42.6	14.55	14.52	14.21
Petroleum & Coal Products	606.16	580.32	597.24	42.3	41.9	42.0	14.33	13.85	14.22
Petroleum Refining	626.46	597.91	617.61	42.3	41.9	42.1	14.81	14.27	14.67
Leather & Leather Products	229.10	232.13	207.16	39.5	40.3	36.6	5.80	5.76	5.66
Other Nondurable Goods	377.10	376.55	362.95	41.9	41.7	42.7	9.00	9.03	8.50
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	484.27	479.68	484.53	43.2	42.6	46.5	11.21	11.26	10.42
Oil & Gas Extraction	485.74	479.97	488.37	43.1	42.4	46.6	11.27	11.32	10.48
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	451.19	450.91	406.16	45.3	45.5	44.1	9.96	9.91	9.21
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	478.00	476.41	438.13	39.9	39.8	39.4	11.98	11.97	11.12
Elec., Gas & San. Services	472.58	461.37	433.88	40.6	40.4	40.1	11.64	11.42	10.82
Wholesale & Retail Trade	230.16	231.07	229.15	32.6	33.2	33.6	7.06	6.96	6.82
Wholesale Trade	377.85	374.80	369.72	39.9	40.0	40.1	9.47	9.37	9.22
Retail Trade	183.62	185.67	183.65	30.3	31.1	31.5	6.06	5.97	5.83
General Merchandise Stores	180.22	180.60	160.03	29.4	29.9	29.8	6.13	6.04	5.37
Banking	282.17	268.22	267.84	39.3	38.1	39.1	7.18	7.04	6.85

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 386.14	$ 381.71	$ 357.20	41.7	41.4	41.2	$ 9.26	$ 9.22	$ 8.67
Durable Goods	403.80	399.23	371.01	41.5	41.5	41.5	9.73	9.62	8.94
Nondurable Goods	347.75	341.53	327.24	42.1	41.0	40.5	8.26	8.33	8.08
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	397.57	394.70	367.02	41.5	41.2	41.1	9.58	9.58	8.93
Durable Goods	418.08	415.00	378.22	41.6	41.5	40.8	10.05	10.00	9.27
Nondurable Goods	348.57	345.47	338.97	41.3	40.5	41.9	8.44	8.53	8.09
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	477.12	468.00	471.29	42.6	42.2	43.8	11.20	11.09	10.76
Durable Goods	424.84	413.27	420.27	43.0	42.3	44.1	9.88	9.77	9.53
Nondurable Goods	550.71	542.64	542.01	42.2	42.0	43.5	13.05	12.92	12.46
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	293.38	293.22	276.08	40.3	40.5	40.6	7.28	7.24	6.80
Durable Goods	308.07	315.14	303.89	41.8	42.3	41.8	7.37	7.45	7.27
Nondurable Goods	278.58	270.59	248.22	38.8	38.6	39.4	7.18	7.01	6.30

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

including motion pictures, as many amusement parks closed for the winter, and in business and repair services, where many students worked during the summer. Jobs were also deleted in construction; and oil and gas extraction activity continued to decline, pushing employment in mining down once again. Downturns were also widespread in manufacturing, which dropped by 3,300 over the month.

The durable goods sector recorded the largest over-the-month decline, with two large decreases and several smaller ones. The continued slowdown in the manufacture of computer components adversely affected two major industries in September -- electric and electronic equipment lost 2,000 jobs and nonelectrical machinery dropped 1,300 positions. These declines, along with smaller ones scattered within durable goods, left the sector as a whole 3,100 positions short of its August level. Nondurable goods fared little better, as a sizeable increase recorded in food and kindred was more than offset by a moderate decline in apparel and other finished textile products and smaller losses in several other sectors, dropping the sector by 200 over the month.

TEXAS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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HOURS AND EARNINGS

There were 657,000 Texas manufacturing production workers in September, a decrease of 2,000 from the August level. The average production worker in September earned $9.46 an hour for a 41.5-hour week, for a total of $392.59 per week. Average weekly hours rose by only 0.2 hour over the month, and the September average was 0.3 hour below the year-ago level of 41.8 hours worked per week. Average hourly earnings increased by 7¢ between August and September and were up 38¢ over the year. The gain in hourly earnings between September 1984 and September 1985 pushed average weekly earnings up by $13.05, despite fewer hours worked during the current month.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
Third Quarter 1985
(July-September)

Abilene	625,977
Amarillo	1,416,399
Austin	3,599,974
Beaumont-Port Arthur	8,639,887
Brazoria PMSA	2,307,977
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,538,593
Bryan-College Station	697,794
Corpus Christi	4,292,420
Dallas PMSA	15,391,916
El Paso	4,260,278
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	7,241,434
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	3,179,174
Houston PMSA	41,540,012
Killeen-Temple	801,307
Laredo	923,480
Longview-Marshall	2,288,656
Lubbock	1,669,648
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	4,608,958
Midland	808,760
Odessa	1,159,071
San Angelo	386,061
San Antonio	6,639,322
Sherman-Denison	1,160,993
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	717,461
Tyler	1,724,934
Victoria	686,524
Waco	1,222,622
Wichita Falls	779,790

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1985	Sep. 1984
Total Population	16,298,600	16,033,400*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.3
UI Covered Employers	312,093	304,741
Total Claims Actions	427,497	368,084
Total Initial Claims Actions	59,936	53,329
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	367,561	314,755
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$144.08	$133.14
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$48,483,535	$38,830,719
Total Placements	37,751	45,130

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION NOVEMBER 1985 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

JOBLESS RATE RISES

An additional 27,600 Texans joined the ranks of the unemployed between September and October, pushing total unemployment up to 604,700 in mid-October. The actual unemployment rate rose over the month from 7.2 percent to 7.6 percent, which was over two full percentage points above the October 1984 rate of 5.3 percent.

There were an estimated 7,393,300 jobholders in the State in mid-October, some 26,200 below the September level and 165,600 below the year-ago total. The decline in employment and the corresponding rise in unemployment were primarily the results of an economy weakened by cheap foreign oil prices and the continued devaluation of the Mexican peso.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1985	Sep. 1985	Oct. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	116,345.0	115,850.0	114,251.0
Unemployment	7,917.0	7,984.0	7,989.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.9	7.0
Total Employment	108,428.0	107,866.0	106,262.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	116,158.0	115,818.0	114,016.0
Unemployment	8,291.0	8,274.0	8,367.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.1	7.3
Total Employment	107,867.0	107,544.0	105,649.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,998.0	7,996.6	7,925.0
Unemployment	604.7	577.1	416.1
Percent Unemployed	7.6	7.2	5.3
Total Employment	7,393.3	7,419.5	7,508.9
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,997.0	7,976.0	7,927.0
Unemployment	645.0	568.0	451.0
Percent Unemployed	8.1	7.1	5.7
Total Employment	7,352.0	7,408.0	7,476.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas rose a full percentage point over the month, to 8.1 percent in October 1985. This was the highest rate in the seasonally adjusted series since September 1983, just prior to the State's emergence from the recession. In both the actual and the seasonally adjusted series, the Texas rates were considerably above those for the Nation as a whole. The actual U. S. rate edged downward over the month from 6.9 percent to 6.8 percent, while the seasonally adjusted rate remained at 7.1 percent.

NONFARM SALARIED EMPLOYMENT RISES

Fueled primarily by seasonal increases in the private and public educational sectors, nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 22,200 between September and October. The largest of these gains was in government, where both the state and local sectors recorded substantial increases as schools and colleges completed their auxiliary staffing for the fall semester. These additions, plus smaller gains in federal government, pushed total government employment up by 24,400 in October.

The educational sector of services also expanded over the month, as private schools and colleges added workers. Other service sectors recording growth in October

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'85*	Sep.'85**	Oct.'84**	Oct.'85*	Sep.'85**	Oct.'84**	Oct.'85*	Sep.'85**	Oct.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,700	53,900	52,900	81,600	81,700	80,500	353,500	351,800	338,400
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,500	9,900	10,000	9,700	41,100	41,400	41,300
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	3,000	5,100	5,200	4,500	28,800	28,800	26,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,900	2,800	6,100	6,200	6,400	9,600	9,500	9,300
Trade	14,600	14,600	14,000	24,800	24,900	24,100	75,400	75,300	73,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,700	25,400	23,100
Services & Misc.	12,900	13,000	12,800	15,700	15,700	15,500	80,700	80,800	74,400
Government	8,100	8,000	8,100	14,200	13,900	14,000	91,100	89,500	89,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	136,100	136,400	143,400	58,100	58,500	59,400	64,600	65,300	63,800
Manufacturing	27,100	27,100	30,900	16,200	16,600	17,100	9,900	10,100	10,100
Mining	2,700	2,700	3,000	2,100	2,100	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,700	9,900	6,100	5,900	6,900	3,300	3,500	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,400	11,400	11,800	2,200	2,300	2,500	3,200	3,300	3,100
Trade	33,300	33,500	34,000	10,700	11,200	10,800	18,100	18,300	18,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,600	2,400	2,400	2,200	3,300	3,400	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,300	27,400	28,200	7,600	7,600	7,400	12,000	12,000	11,800
Government	20,200	20,100	20,000	10,800	10,400	10,100	14,700	14,600	14,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	51,500	49,400	49,900	136,900	137,000	134,500	1,249.5	1,247.9	1,234.3
Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,400	13,500	13,500	13,900	221.4	221.5	223.8
Mining	1,400	1,500	1,400	7,300	7,400	7,900	23.5	23.6	23.2
Construction	2,900	2,700	3,000	12,300	12,300	10,500	81.1	82.1	78.6
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,700	1,600	7,700	7,700	7,700	78.1	78.1	75.9
Trade	11,300	11,200	10,700	34,800	35,000	34,000	330.1	328.5	327.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	1,900	2,000	6,400	6,400	6,400	118.8	118.7	115.8
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,700	7,300	27,500	27,300	26,600	261.1	261.2	259.2
Government	21,100	19,100	20,500	27,400	27,400	27,500	135.4	134.2	130.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	176,400	177,100	173,100	489,700	491,100	472,000	74,000	74,000	73,300
Manufacturing	39,900	41,400	39,400	111,200	110,800	108,700	9,700	9,800	10,300
Mining	500	500	400	4,600	4,600	4,900	1,200	1,200	1,000
Construction	9,300	9,600	9,100	29,900	30,300	28,300	4,000	4,000	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,300	9,500	9,800	24,700	24,800	23,800	5,500	5,700	5,800
Trade	41,600	41,800	41,000	135,100	135,000	131,900	13,800	14,100	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,500	8,300	27,800	27,700	25,900	5,100	4,900	4,900
Services & Misc.	31,400	31,200	29,900	94,400	96,800	89,300	12,700	13,000	12,200
Government	35,900	34,600	35,200	62,000	61,100	59,200	22,000	21,300	20,700

included business and repair services, where personnel supply agencies provided much of the increase, and personal services, where dry cleaners stepped up hiring. These gains were partially nullified by a large decrease in amusement, including motion pictures, which deleted jobs as amusement parks closed for the winter, and a more moderate seasonal decline in hotels and other lodging places. These offsetting losses held employment growth in services in October to 2,400 in spite of the large advances in other sectors.

The only other nonmanufacturing industry which recorded over-the-month increases was finance, insurance and real estate. Advances among insurance carriers, agents and brokers generated most of the moderate growth in this industry, as other finance, insurance and real estate lost jobs and banking produced only a mininal increase.

Both the wholesale and retail segments of trade reported losses in October, as employment in trade dropped by 2,400. A sizeable decrease was reported in other retail trade, which includes eating and drinking places, while smaller seasonal declines occurred in building materials and garden supplies and in automotive dealers and service stations. The only notable advance in trade occurred among general merchandise stores; but this increase was not sufficient to overcome more numerous declines.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'85*	Sep.'85**	Oct.'84**	Oct.'85*	Sep.'85**	Oct.'84**	Oct.'85*	Sep.'85**	Oct.'84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,498.4	1,496.3	1,471.1	66,600	66,400	64,700	33,100	33,400	31,800
Manufacturing	172.2	173.3	176.8	8,500	8,600	8,800	1,900	1,900	2,000
Mining	96.5	97.5	96.1	--	--	--	1,800	1,700	1,800
Construction	109.3	110.5	113.7	4,100	4,100	3,600	1,400	1,400	1,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	104.5	104.7	100.6	3,000	3,000	3,100	3,600	3,700	3,500
Trade	369.7	370.2	372.4	16,300	16,300	15,900	10,000	10,200	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	118.7	118.0	110.1	2,900	3,000	2,700	1,500	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	340.4	339.7	325.5	12,500	12,200	11,900	5,200	5,200	5,000
Government	187.1	182.4	175.9	19,300	19,200	18,700	7,700	7,700	7,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,400	66,300	67,000	95,000	94,800	92,200	81,400	80,800	78,900
Manufacturing	15,100	15,000	15,100	8,200	8,500	8,800	11,300	10,800	11,100
Mining	4,700	4,800	4,800	400	400	600	1,700	1,700	1,800
Construction	4,100	4,400	5,000	5,400	5,400	4,400	4,500	4,600	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,400	5,200	5,100	4,800	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trade	16,500	16,600	16,400	28,000	27,900	26,900	24,000	23,900	23,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,000	3,000	5,800	5,700	5,600	3,600	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,000	10,900	19,900	20,000	19,800	12,300	12,400	12,000
Government	8,500	8,300	8,400	22,100	21,800	21,300	21,200	21,000	20,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	52,000	52,000	52,800	53,200	53,200	53,600	38,600	38,700	38,500
Manufacturing	3,300	3,400	3,500	4,400	4,500	5,000	5,300	5,300	5,500
Mining	11,600	11,600	12,900	8,200	8,200	8,600	900	900	900
Construction	2,700	2,700	2,800	3,800	3,900	3,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,500	2,500	3,900	3,900	3,800
Trade	12,700	12,600	12,500	15,900	15,900	16,100	10,000	10,100	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,600	2,000	2,000	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	9,000	8,500	8,400	8,100	7,400	7,500	7,700
Government	6,900	6,900	6,000	7,800	7,800	7,500	6,700	6,600	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	475,600	475,400	465,700	37,400	37,300	37,200	46,500	46,400	45,800
Manufacturing	49,300	49,800	52,100	11,800	11,800	12,400	7,600	7,700	7,500
Mining	3,600	3,500	3,600	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	35,800	36,000	34,900	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,800	1,900	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,300	18,400	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trade	126,800	127,500	121,800	8,200	8,200	8,000	12,000	12,000	11,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,000	36,000	34,100	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	102,900	102,300	100,400	7,300	7,300	7,000	8,800	8,600	8,300
Government	103,000	102,000	100,400	5,000	4,900	4,900	12,700	12,600	12,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	63,100	62,500	61,100	29,400	29,800	30,100	79,400	78,900	78,000
Manufacturing	12,500	12,300	12,600	2,900	2,900	3,000	15,900	15,800	15,900
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,500	2,800	2,800	3,200	--	--	--
Construction	3,300	3,300	2,900	2,600	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,600	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,700	1,700	1,500	3,700	3,700	3,600
Trade	16,600	16,300	15,800	8,400	8,600	8,200	19,800	19,700	19,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,700	4,800	4,900
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,700	12,200	5,200	5,200	5,500	18,800	18,500	18,100
Government	8,300	8,100	7,900	4,200	4,200	4,300	12,100	11,800	11,600
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,800	52,000	51,500						
Manufacturing	9,000	9,200	9,300						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,300						
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600						
Trade	12,700	12,700	12,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,500						
Government	10,100	10,100	10,200						

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* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Oct. 1985*	Sep. 1985**	Oct. 1984**	Change From Sep. 1985	Change From Oct. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,636,800	6,614,600	6,500,300	22,200	136,500
Manufacturing	992,200	991,800	1,004,800	400	-12,600
Durable Goods	578,600	579,500	587,100	-900	-8,500
Lumber & Wood Products	41,600	41,600	42,700	0	-1,100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,900	6,900	7,200	0	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	17,600	17,600	18,100	0	-500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	50,400	50,600	48,900	-200	1,500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	25,600	25,600	23,500	0	2,100
Primary Metal Industries	35,600	35,700	36,800	-100	-1,200
Fabricated Metal Industries	84,100	84,600	83,500	-500	600
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,500	43,900	43,700	-400	-200
Machinery, Except Electrical	124,300	125,300	133,600	-1,000	-9,300
Oil Field Machinery	37,800	38,400	40,400	-600	-2,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	109,300	109,400	111,000	-100	-1,700
Transportation Equipment	80,100	79,800	76,500	300	3,600
Aircraft & Parts	42,200	42,000	38,900	200	3,300
Instruments & Related Products	22,400	22,300	22,900	100	-500
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,200	12,600	13,100	600	100
Nondurable Goods	413,600	412,300	417,700	1,300	-4,100
Food & Kindred Products	101,500	100,700	96,900	800	4,600
Meat Products	27,800	27,600	26,100	200	1,700
Dairy Products	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	100
Bakery Products	12,500	12,000	11,000	500	1,500
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,100	3,000	-100	0
Textile Mill Products	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	-100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	59,300	58,800	60,600	500	-1,300
Paper & Allied Products	23,800	23,900	24,100	-100	-300
Printing & Publishing	73,600	73,200	71,800	400	1,800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	36,800	36,700	35,500	100	1,300
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,700	75,700	76,000	0	-300
Petroleum & Coal Products	34,400	34,300	41,600	100	-7,200
Petroleum Refining	31,200	31,200	38,400	0	-7,200
Leather & Leather Products	7,400	7,600	7,900	-200	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	33,100	33,300	33,900	-200	-800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,644,600	5,622,800	5,495,500	21,800	149,100
Mining	260,900	263,000	271,000	-2,100	-10,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	251,400	253,500	261,400	-2,100	-10,000
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,500	9,600	0	-100
Construction	439,300	439,700	427,800	-400	11,500
Transportation & Public Utilities	375,300	376,200	371,900	-900	3,400
Railroad Transportation	23,500	23,500	25,300	0	-1,800
Transportation, Except Railroads	184,900	185,900	179,200	-1,000	5,700
Transportation by Air	41,600	42,000	37,700	-400	3,900
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	86,800	86,600	88,900	200	-2,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,100	80,200	78,500	-100	1,600
Electric Services	45,000	45,000	44,100	0	900
Gas Production & Distribution	28,400	28,500	28,500	-100	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,646,900	1,649,300	1,622,900	-2,400	24,000
Wholesale Trade	424,500	425,600	429,200	-1,100	-4,700
Retail Trade	1,222,400	1,223,700	1,193,700	-1,300	28,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	55,000	55,700	54,400	-700	600
General Merchandise Stores	162,000	160,500	156,100	1,500	5,900
Food Stores	220,800	220,500	213,600	300	7,200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	141,300	142,000	136,500	-700	4,800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,200	80,300	80,600	-100	-400
Other Retail Trade	563,100	564,700	552,500	-1,600	10,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	430,100	429,300	418,900	800	11,200
Banking	106,600	106,400	104,900	200	1,700
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	133,500	132,100	128,500	1,400	5,000
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	190,000	190,800	185,500	-800	4,500
Services	1,315,100	1,312,700	1,278,900	2,400	36,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,300	77,700	78,600	-400	-1,300
Personal Services	84,100	83,200	79,800	900	4,300
Business & Repair Services	367,800	366,600	358,800	1,200	9,000
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	59,100	62,500	54,500	-3,400	4,600
Health Services	342,800	343,200	341,400	-400	1,400
Educational Services	63,900	61,200	60,700	2,700	3,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	320,100	318,300	305,100	1,800	15,000
Total Government	1,177,000	1,152,600	1,104,100	24,400	72,900
Total Federal Government	187,400	186,900	177,700	500	9,700
Total State Government	284,000	275,400	260,600	8,600	23,400
Total Local Government	705,600	690,300	665,800	15,300	39,800

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct.'85*	Sep.'85**	Oct.'84**	Oct.'85*	Sep.'85**	Oct.'84**	Oct.'85*	Sep.'85**	Oct.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,700	64,300	64,000	102,200	102,800	102,200	402,700	400,700	389,000
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,300	2,400	6,000	6,000	4,500	20,600	18,600	12,000
Percent Unemployed	5.9	5.1	3.8	5.9	5.8	4.4	5.1	4.6	3.1
Total Employment 2/	60,900	61,000	61,600	96,200	96,800	97,700	382,100	382,100	377,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	172,700	172,800	178,800	83,100	83,100	84,800	92,800	92,700	91,700
Total Unemployment	24,200	23,400	17,400	7,300	7,100	5,100	13,800	12,900	10,900
Percent Unemployed	14.0	13.5	9.7	8.8	8.5	6.0	14.9	13.9	11.9
Total Employment 2/	148,500	149,400	161,400	75,800	76,000	79,700	79,000	79,800	80,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,200	58,900	60,200	172,100	172,400	169,400	1,318.1	1,319.4	1,315.7
Total Unemployment	3,100	2,900	1,900	16,500	15,900	12,000	69.7	67.2	43.5
Percent Unemployed	5.1	4.9	3.2	9.6	9.2	7.1	5.3	5.1	3.3
Total Employment 2/	58,100	56,000	58,300	155,600	156,500	157,400	1,248.4	1,252.2	1,272.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	206,800	208,400	205,100	622,100	626,800	606,600	97,400	97,300	96,300
Total Unemployment	23,000	22,200	18,900	34,100	35,000	22,100	11,400	10,800	8,000
Percent Unemployed	11.1	10.7	9.2	5.5	5.6	3.6	11.7	11.1	8.3
Total Employment 2/	183,800	186,200	186,200	588,000	591,800	584,500	86,000	86,500	88,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,690.8	1,689.8	1,671.0	81,700	81,000	78,600	39,300	38,900	38,600
Total Unemployment	137.8	132.0	95.4	6,900	6,300	4,300	5,800	5,200	5,200
Percent Unemployed	8.1	7.8	5.7	8.4	7.8	5.5	14.8	13.4	13.5
Total Employment 2/	1,553.0	1,557.8	1,575.6	74,800	74,700	74,300	33,500	33,700	33,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,100	77,700	78,000	115,000	114,100	113,600	122,700	117,800	117,100
Total Unemployment	8,600	7,900	5,500	7,200	6,500	5,100	26,700	25,000	22,000
Percent Unemployed	11.0	10.2	7.1	6.3	5.7	4.5	21.8	21.2	18.8
Total Employment 2/	69,500	69,800	72,500	107,800	107,600	108,500	96,000	92,800	95,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,500	64,500	66,500	67,600	68,100	69,100	51,000	51,000	51,300
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,300	2,400	4,300	4,300	3,000	2,800	2,600	1,900
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.1	3.6	6.4	6.3	4.3	5.5	5.1	3.7
Total Employment 2/	61,000	61,200	64,100	63,300	63,800	66,100	48,200	48,400	49,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	541,700	543,200	536,200	43,000	43,500	42,900	52,600	53,000	51,200
Total Unemployment	35,400	35,400	24,600	3,100	3,400	2,000	5,000	5,100	3,500
Percent Unemployed	6.5	6.5	4.6	7.2	7.8	4.7	9.5	9.6	6.8
Total Employment 2/	506,300	507,800	511,600	39,900	40,100	40,900	47,600	47,900	47,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	84,000	82,400	81,500	37,900	38,200	39,000	94,900	94,200	95,100
Total Unemployment	6,600	5,600	3,300	2,800	2,600	2,000	5,500	5,000	4,900
Percent Unemployed	7.9	6.8	4.0	7.4	6.8	5.1	5.8	5.3	5.2
Total Employment 2/	77,400	76,800	78,200	35,100	35,600	37,000	89,400	89,200	90,200
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,500	61,800	62,400				7,998.0	7,996.6	7,925.0
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,300	2,600				604.7	577.1	416.1
Percent Unemployed	5.9	5.3	4.2				7.6	7.2	5.3
Total Employment 2/	57,900	58,500	59,800				7,393.3	7,419.5	7,508.9

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings Oct.± 1985	Average Weekly Earnings Sep. 1985	Average Weekly Earnings Oct. 1984	Average Weekly Hours Oct.± 1985	Average Weekly Hours Sep. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Oct. 1984	Average Hourly Earnings Oct.± 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Sep. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Oct. 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 387.39	$ 391.35	$ 372.94	41.3	41.5	41.3	$ 9.38	$ 9.43	$ 9.03
Durable Goods	386.14	389.99	368.52	41.7	41.8	41.5	9.26	9.33	8.88
Lumber & Wood Products	269.56	276.74	258.72	39.7	40.4	39.2	6.79	6.85	6.60
Furniture & Fixtures	250.11	260.07	230.49	39.7	40.7	39.0	6.30	6.39	5.91
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	387.82	387.55	342.72	45.2	44.7	42.0	8.58	8.67	8.16
Primary Metal Industries	412.85	435.54	408.18	40.2	42.0	40.9	10.27	10.37	9.98
Fabricated Metal Products	362.03	364.73	355.70	41.0	41.4	41.7	8.83	8.81	8.53
Machinery, exc. Electric	408.92	406.56	388.57	42.2	42.0	42.7	9.69	9.68	9.10
Oil Field Machinery	489.72	482.47	499.96	42.4	42.1	45.7	11.55	11.46	10.94
Electric & Electronic Equip.	403.34	411.86	411.58	40.7	40.9	42.3	9.91	10.07	9.73
Transportation Equipment	525.89	530.37	489.48	43.0	42.6	41.8	12.23	12.45	11.71
Instruments & Related Prod.	324.81	336.20	283.44	40.1	40.9	38.2	8.10	8.22	7.42
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	270.94	255.27	288.84	42.4	40.2	41.8	6.39	6.35	6.91
Nondurable Goods	390.19	393.87	378.02	40.9	41.2	41.0	9.54	9.56	9.22
Food & Kindred Products	329.01	340.32	329.47	41.7	42.7	42.9	7.89	7.97	7.68
Meat Products	279.79	286.38	287.67	42.2	43.0	44.6	6.63	6.66	6.45
Malt Beverages	717.64	774.18	715.50	44.0	46.0	45.4	16.31	16.83	15.76
Textile Mill Products	280.98	285.52	263.48	40.9	41.5	39.8	6.87	6.88	6.62
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	193.29	188.40	187.61	37.1	36.3	37.9	5.21	5.19	4.95
Paper & Allied Products	443.04	444.70	431.10	41.6	41.6	43.9	10.65	10.69	9.82
Printing & Publishing	373.74	374.13	355.11	39.3	40.1	39.9	9.51	9.33	8.90
Chemicals & Allied Products	624.45	619.40	601.02	42.8	42.6	42.0	14.59	14.54	14.31
Petroleum & Coal Products	607.35	604.70	537.94	44.3	44.3	39.7	13.71	13.65	13.55
Petroleum Refining	628.08	625.52	555.01	44.2	44.3	39.7	14.21	14.12	13.98
Leather & Leather Products	214.37	228.93	212.06	40.6	39.0	37.8	5.28	5.87	5.61
Other Nondurable Goods	364.83	379.43	358.68	41.6	42.3	42.7	8.77	8.97	8.40
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	481.31	484.61	468.90	43.4	43.0	45.0	11.09	11.27	10.42
Oil & Gas Extraction	483.04	485.63	472.20	43.4	42.9	45.1	11.13	11.32	10.47
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	441.09	438.00	373.63	43.5	43.8	40.7	10.14	10.00	9.18
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	489.24	494.09	434.90	40.5	40.8	38.9	12.08	12.11	11.18
Elec., Gas & San. Services	460.75	471.77	435.20	40.1	40.6	39.6	11.49	11.62	10.99
Wholesale & Retail Trade	227.18	229.18	226.44	32.5	32.6	33.3	6.99	7.03	6.80
Wholesale Trade	376.00	378.65	364.17	40.0	39.9	39.8	9.40	9.49	9.15
Retail Trade	181.20	183.31	181.58	30.2	30.4	31.2	6.00	6.03	5.82
General Merchandise Stores	180.42	179.97	163.10	29.1	29.6	29.6	6.20	6.08	5.51
Banking	268.84	281.46	262.19	37.6	39.2	38.9	7.15	7.18	6.74

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 383.31	$ 388.74	$ 354.96	41.8	41.8	40.8	$ 9.17	$ 9.30	$ 8.70
Durable Goods	399.61	405.60	370.39	41.8	41.6	41.2	9.56	9.75	8.99
Nondurable Goods	346.11	353.19	320.79	41.7	42.4	39.8	8.30	8.33	8.06
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	392.18	396.61	366.33	41.5	41.4	41.3	9.45	9.58	8.87
Durable Goods	415.17	416.25	377.39	41.6	41.5	41.2	9.98	10.03	9.16
Nondurable Goods	334.97	346.86	337.40	41.1	41.0	41.5	8.15	8.46	8.13
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	472.51	475.84	463.11	42.8	42.6	43.0	11.04	11.17	10.77
Durable Goods	418.18	421.15	416.90	43.2	42.8	43.7	9.68	9.84	9.54
Nondurable Goods	546.04	549.44	526.67	42.1	42.2	42.1	12.97	13.02	12.51
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	296.53	296.62	267.24	40.9	40.8	39.3	7.25	7.27	6.80
Durable Goods	315.88	313.44	295.71	42.4	42.3	40.9	7.45	7.41	7.23
Nondurable Goods	276.28	280.92	238.64	39.3	39.4	37.7	7.03	7.13	6.33

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Low foreign oil prices continued to depress activity in domestic oil and gas extraction, and an additional 2,100 jobs were deleted in October, bringing the total decline in mining during the past year to 10,000.

Employers in transportation and public utilities cut 900 positions in October, as only communications recorded even a moderate increase. Several sectors of transportation, except railroads, reported cutbacks, including trucking and warehousing, water transportation, and transportation by air.

Employment in construction remained at a virtual standstill over the month, with 400 fewer jobs in October. Although interest rates remained fairly low, the glut of already-completed residential and commercial properties in many areas has slowed building activity considerably.

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Moderate growth in three nondurable goods industries helped push total manufacturing employment up 400 over the month despite some sizeable downturns in durable goods sectors. The largest of these declines was in nonelectrical machinery, which lost 1,000 jobs, primarily in the oil field machinery segment. The structural portion of fabricated metal industries reported a moderate decrease, while smaller drops were noted in stone, clay and glass products and in primary metal industries. A small increase in transportation equipment and a larger one in miscellaneous manufacturing industries could not provide enough jobs to compensate for the larger losses, leaving durable goods with 900 fewer jobs in October.

Most nondurable goods employers added positions over the month, for an increase of 1,300. The most notable growth occurred in food and kindred products, as businesses hired workers in preparation for the Holiday season. Seasonal increases boosted employment in apparel and other finished textile products, and printing and publishing also added workers. The only declines occurred in leather and leather products, in other nondurable goods, and in paper and allied products, but all of these decreases were minor.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1984
Total Population	16,320,700	16,055,500*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.3	1.5
UI Covered Employers	313,466	305,214
Total Claims Actions	494,259	451,367
Total Initial Claims Actions	74,992	73,278
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	419,267	378,089
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$143.86	$133.30
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$54,636,268	$42,472,021
Total Placements	40,259	45,166

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DECLINE

There were an estimated 655,200 Texas manufacturing production workers in October, down 2,100 from September. Average weekly hours worked by production workers dropped 0.2 hour over the month, and average hourly earnings also decreased by 5¢. The average worker in October was working a 41.3-hour week at $9.38 per hour and averaging $387.39 per week. Average weekly earnings declined by $3.96 between September and October.

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THANKS, TEXAS EMPLOYERS!

The staff of TEC would like to extend our special thanks to all employers who have participated in the Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey during the past year. Your continued cooperation in providing current employment, hours and earnings data to us makes it possible for us to publish many of the statistics in this newsletter.

UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS

The number of Texans actively seeking work declined substantially between October and November, pulling the unemployment rate down from October's 7.6 percent to 6.5 percent in November. In the actual series, there were 514,700 unemployed in November, while 7,445,800 Texas residents had jobs. The November actual rate was the lowest in that series since April's 6.3 percent, although it was still above the November 1984 rate of 5.4 percent. November was the first time since July that employment had risen over the month and was also above its year-ago level.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	116,097.0	116,345.0	114,115.0
Unemployment	7,815.0	7,917.0	7,869.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.8	6.9
Total Employment	108,282.0	108,428.0	106,246.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	116,067.0	116,158.0	114,074.0
Unemployment	8,140.0	8,291.0	8,142.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.1	7.1
Total Employment	107,927.0	107,867.0	105,932.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,960.5	7,998.0	7,849.0
Unemployment	514.7	604.7	427.7
Percent Unemployed	6.5	7.6	5.4
Total Employment	7,445.8	7,393.3	7,421.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,996.0	7,997.0	7,883.0
Unemployment	549.0	645.0	452.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	8.1	5.7
Total Employment	7,447.0	7,352.0	7,431.0

Evidence that all of the over-the-month employment growth was not seasonal appears in the seasonally adjusted series, where employment increased by 95,000 and the unemployment rate dropped from October's 8.1 percent to 6.9 percent in November. The November 1984 rate was considerably lower, at 5.7 percent. The declines in unemployment once again brought Texas' rates below those for the Nation, as the U. S. actual rate slid from 6.8 percent in October to 6.7 percent in November and the seasonally adjusted rate edged down from 7.1 percent to 7.0 percent over the month.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RISES MODERATELY

Statewide nonfarm salaried jobs rose by 6,600 between October and November, an increase about half the size of the growth during the same period in 1984. Seasonal hires in both government and retail trade generated most of the monthly expansion.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov '85*	Oct '85**	Nov '84**	Nov '85*	Oct '85**	Nov '84**	Nov '85*	Oct '85**	Nov '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,700	53,700	53,000	81,800	81,900	80,400	355,100	354,300	340,200
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,500	9,900	10,000	9,600	41,200	41,300	41,400
Mining	4,000	4,000	3,900	1,500	1,500	1,800	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	5,000	5,100	4,500	27,900	28,300	26,900
Trans., Comm., & Util	2,700	2,700	2,800	6,000	6,100	6,400	9,500	9,600	9,100
Trade	14,600	14,600	14,100	25,000	24,800	24,400	75,300	75,300	74,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,600	25,700	23,300
Services & Misc.	12,900	12,900	12,900	15,800	15,900	15,500	81,700	81,100	74,400
Government	8,100	8,100	8,200	14,300	14,200	13,800	92,200	91,900	89,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	136,100	135,300	143,000	58,500	58,200	59,400	64,300	64,600	64,100
Manufacturing	26,600	26,600	30,300	16,200	16,300	17,000	9,800	9,700	10,100
Mining	2,800	2,800	2,900	2,000	2,100	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,700	9,600	6,200	6,100	7,200	3,400	3,400	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util	11,400	11,400	11,600	2,200	2,200	2,400	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	33,900	33,300	34,600	11,000	10,700	10,800	18,300	18,100	18,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,600	2,400	2,400	2,200	3,300	3,300	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,000	27,300	28,000	7,600	7,600	7,200	12,000	12,100	11,900
Government	20,100	20,200	20,200	10,900	10,800	10,200	14,700	14,700	14,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	51,200	51,500	50,000	137,100	137,300	134,400	1,254.9	1,252.6	1,238.2
Manufacturing	3,500	3,600	3,400	13,400	13,500	13,700	222.4	221.9	224.7
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	7,000	7,300	7,900	23.5	23.5	23.5
Construction	2,700	2,800	3,000	12,600	12,400	10,800	79.4	81.0	78.3
Trans., Comm., & Util	1,600	1,500	1,600	7,600	7,700	7,600	77.8	78.1	76.1
Trade	11,100	11,400	10,600	35,300	34,700	34,000	333.0	330.8	330.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,300	6,300	6,400	118.5	118.6	116.3
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,700	7,400	27,500	27,600	26,600	261.5	261.5	257.7
Government	21,200	21,000	20,600	27,700	27,800	27,400	138.3	137.2	131.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	175,700	176,400	169,800	490,700	489,500	468,400	74,000	74,100	73,400
Manufacturing	39,300	39,900	39,300	111,300	111,000	103,700	9,900	9,700	10,300
Mining	500	500	400	4,600	4,600	4,900	1,100	1,200	1,100
Construction	9,100	9,300	9,200	29,800	29,700	28,700	3,900	3,900	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util	9,100	9,300	9,400	25,200	25,100	23,800	5,600	5,700	6,000
Trade	41,900	41,600	41,700	135,800	134,900	132,900	13,800	13,900	13,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,500	7,900	28,200	27,900	25,900	5,000	5,000	4,800
Services & Misc.	31,700	31,400	27,600	93,700	94,400	89,000	12,600	12,700	12,200
Government	35,600	35,900	34,300	62,100	61,900	59,500	22,100	22,000	20,700

Over 10,000 additional jobs were created, primarily in the local and state educational sectors of government, as schools prepared for year-end activities. The Postal Service also added workers in anticipation of the Holiday rush. These increases combined to push government employment up by 11,500 over the month.

The normal seasonal advances in several sectors of retail trade were responsible for 8,800 new hires in November, but a decline in the wholesale portion held the total trade increase to 7,800. The bulk of the additions occurred, as expected, in general merchandise stores, which gained 6,800 jobs in November. More moderate growth was recorded in apparel and accessory stores and in other retail trade. The only downturns in retail trade were seasonal losses in automotive dealers and service stations and in building materials and garden supplies.

The only other major industry group which reported an over-the-month gain was finance, insurance and real estate, where sizeable advances among insurance carriers, agents and brokers were partially nullified by decreases in banking and in other finance, insurance and real estate.

Despite an increase of over 2,000 in personal services, the seasonal loss of 7,000 jobs in amusement, including motion pictures, as remaining amusement parks were shut down for the winter, pushed employment in services below the month-ago level in

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**
Industry	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,500.9	1,503.3	1,472.6	67,000	66,700	65,100	33,100	33,000	32,000
Manufacturing	171.2	172.6	176.1	8,600	8,600	8,700	1,900	1,900	2,000
Mining	96.0	96.7	96.9	--	--	--	1,600	1,600	1,800
Construction	107.3	110.0	113.2	3,800	4,000	3,700	1,400	1,400	1,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	104.4	104.3	100.7	3,100	3,000	3,200	3,700	3,700	3,500
Trade	372.6	372.1	373.4	16,600	16,300	16,100	10,000	10,000	9,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	118.8	118.7	110.0	2,900	2,900	2,700	1,500	1,500	1,700
Services & Misc.	341.5	341.4	325.6	12,500	12,400	11,900	5,200	5,200	4,900
Government	189.1	187.5	175.7	19,500	19,500	18,800	7,900	7,700	7,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,700	66,600	67,100	95,600	94,800	93,400	83,100	81,400	80,100
Manufacturing	15,100	15,100	15,200	8,300	8,200	9,100	11,800	11,300	11,200
Mining	4,800	4,700	4,800	500	500	600	1,700	1,700	1,800
Construction	4,000	4,200	4,800	5,300	5,400	4,400	4,500	4,500	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,400	5,300	5,200	5,200	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trade	16,200	16,500	16,600	28,700	28,000	27,400	25,100	24,000	24,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,000	5,700	5,800	5,600	3,600	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	10,800	11,200	10,900	19,600	19,800	19,700	12,300	12,300	12,100
Government	9,500	8,500	8,400	22,200	21,900	21,400	21,300	21,200	20,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	52,100	51,800	53,000	53,600	53,400	53,800	39,100	38,700	38,800
Manufacturing	3,400	3,200	3,600	4,400	4,400	4,800	5,400	5,300	5,500
Mining	11,600	11,600	12,800	8,300	8,200	8,700	900	900	900
Construction	2,300	2,700	2,800	3,700	3,800	3,900	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,700	3,800	3,900	3,700
Trade	12,700	12,500	12,700	16,200	16,100	16,000	10,400	10,100	9,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,500	2,100	2,000	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,000	9,000	8,900	8,400	8,400	7,900	7,400	7,300	7,600
Government	6,900	6,900	6,100	7,900	7,900	7,600	6,800	6,800	6,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	477,300	475,700	466,600	37,600	37,500	37,200	46,300	46,500	45,900
Manufacturing	49,000	49,300	52,200	11,800	11,900	12,300	7,400	7,400	7,700
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,600	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	35,700	35,700	34,800	1,500	1,300	1,200	1,800	1,800	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,200	18,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trade	128,000	127,000	122,900	8,100	8,200	8,000	12,100	12,100	11,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,300	36,100	34,200	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	102,700	103,000	99,800	7,400	7,300	7,000	8,800	8,800	8,300
Government	103,800	102,800	101,100	5,000	5,000	4,900	12,600	12,800	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	62,700	62,800	61,000	29,300	29,100	29,500	78,300	79,200	78,000
Manufacturing	12,100	12,500	12,500	3,000	2,900	3,100	15,600	16,000	15,600
Mining	3,200	3,300	3,400	2,900	2,800	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	3,200	3,300	2,900	2,500	2,600	2,500	4,300	4,400	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,500	1,600	1,500	3,700	3,700	3,600
Trade	16,600	16,400	15,800	8,400	8,300	8,100	19,700	19,700	19,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,500	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,700	4,900
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,600	12,200	5,100	5,100	5,400	18,300	18,800	18,100
Government	8,500	8,300	7,900	4,300	4,200	4,300	11,900	11,900	11,800
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,700	51,800	51,500						
Manufacturing	8,900	9,000	9,100						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,400						
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600						
Trade	12,800	12,700	12,400						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,600						
Government	10,100	10,100	10,100						

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1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor

2/ In Thousands

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Nov. 1985*	Oct. 1985**	Nov. 1984**	Change From Oct. 1985	Change From Nov. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,648,900	6,642,300	6,513,700	6,600	135,200
Manufacturing	988,500	991,400	997,900	-2,900	-9,400
Durable Goods	573,700	578,900	579,900	-5,200	-6,200
Lumber & Wood Products	40,800	41,700	41,400	-900	-600
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,900	7,000	-100	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	17,600	17,600	18,200	0	-600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	50,000	50,600	48,300	-600	1,700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	25,400	25,600	23,300	-200	2,100
Primary Metal Industries	34,700	35,500	36,400	-800	-1,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	83,300	84,200	83,700	-900	-400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,100	43,700	43,800	-600	-700
Machinery, Except Electrical	121,600	124,400	133,400	-2,800	-11,800
Oil Field Machinery	37,000	37,700	40,500	-700	-3,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	109,400	109,300	111,300	100	-1,900
Transportation Equipment	80,500	79,800	71,500	700	9,000
Aircraft & Parts	42,500	42,200	34,100	300	8,400
Instruments & Related Products	22,700	22,700	22,800	0	-100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,100	13,100	12,900	0	200
Nondurable Goods	414,800	412,500	418,000	2,300	-3,200
Food & Kindred Products	103,300	101,000	97,600	2,300	5,700
Meat Products	27,800	27,900	26,000	-100	1,800
Dairy Products	5,300	5,400	5,300	-100	0
Bakery Products	12,400	12,000	11,700	400	700
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,100	3,000	100	200
Textile Mill Products	4,600	4,800	4,800	-200	-200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	59,100	58,900	60,000	200	-900
Paper & Allied Products	23,700	23,700	24,100	0	-400
Printing & Publishing	73,700	73,600	72,300	100	1,400
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ	36,900	36,800	36,000	100	900
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,400	75,600	76,000	-200	-600
Petroleum & Coal Products	34,300	34,300	41,500	0	-7,200
Petroleum Refining	31,200	31,200	38,300	0	-7,100
Leather & Leather Products	7,500	7,500	7,800	0	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	33,200	33,100	33,900	100	-700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,660,400	5,650,900	5,515,800	9,500	144,600
Mining	260,800	261,400	271,900	-600	-11,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	251,300	251,900	262,200	-600	-10,900
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,500	9,700	0	-200
Construction	434,600	438,800	428,200	-4,200	6,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	374,200	374,600	372,000	-400	2,200
Railroad Transportation	23,700	23,700	24,800	0	-1,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	183,700	184,100	179,700	-400	4,000
Transportation by Air	41,100	41,700	37,400	-600	3,700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	86,600	86,700	89,000	-100	-2,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,200	80,100	78,500	100	1,700
Electric Services	45,100	45,000	44,200	100	900
Gas Production & Distribution	28,300	28,400	28,300	-100	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,654,700	1,646,900	1,631,000	7,800	23,700
Wholesale Trade	423,400	424,400	428,000	-1,000	-4,600
Retail Trade	1,231,300	1,222,500	1,203,000	8,800	28,300
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,300	54,500	54,400	-200	-100
General Merchandise Stores	168,800	162,000	160,600	6,800	8,200
Food Stores	221,600	220,900	214,200	700	7,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	140,200	141,100	136,100	-900	4,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	82,200	80,700	83,100	1,500	-900
Other Retail Trade	564,200	563,300	554,600	900	9,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	431,000	430,700	419,800	300	11,200
Banking	106,400	106,500	105,000	-100	1,400
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	134,500	133,500	128,600	1,000	5,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	190,100	190,700	186,200	-600	3,900
Services	1,315,600	1,320,500	1,280,100	-4,900	35,500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,200	77,200	78,800	0	-1,600
Personal Services	86,800	84,700	81,400	2,100	5,400
Business & Repair Services	369,100	369,600	360,400	-500	8,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	54,300	61,300	52,200	-7,000	2,100
Health Services	343,800	343,700	341,200	100	2,600
Educational Services	63,700	63,600	61,300	100	2,400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	320,900	320,600	305,000	300	15,900
Total Government	1,189,500	1,178,000	1,112,800	11,500	76,700
Total Federal Government	188,000	187,000	178,800	1,000	9,200
Total State Government	289,300	284,600	263,700	4,700	25,600
Total Local Government	712,200	706,400	670,200	5,800	42,000

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	65,200	64,600	63,400	102,000	102,500	100,900	406,700	403,100	386,700
Total Unemployment	3,900	3,800	2,400	5,300	6,000	4,600	19,900	20,700	11,500
Percent Unemployed	6.0	5.9	3.8	5.2	5.9	4.6	4.9	5.1	3.0
Total Employment 2/	61,300	60,800	61,000	96,700	96,500	96,300	386,800	382,400	375,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	168,200	172,200	176,700	82,500	83,000	83,500	91,700	92,800	91,800
Total Unemployment	19,400	24,100	18,600	6,100	7,200	4,800	11,700	13,800	11,800
Percent Unemployed	11.5	14.0	10.5	7.4	8.7	5.7	12.8	14.9	12.9
Total Employment 2/	148,800	148,100	158,100	76,400	75,800	78,700	80,000	79,000	80,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,000	61,200	59,500	171,100	172,600	167,600	1,322.8	1,319.9	1,302.2
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,000	1,900	14,100	16,500	12,100	61.5	69.6	41.5
Percent Unemployed	4.6	4.9	3.2	8.2	9.6	7.2	4.6	5.3	3.2
Total Employment 2/	58,200	58,200	57,600	157,000	156,100	155,500	1,261.3	1,250.3	1,260.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	203,100	206,300	204,300	621,400	619,100	594,600	96,100	97,400	96,200
Total Unemployment	18,500	23,000	20,600	30,700	34,100	20,700	9,400	11,400	8,800
Percent Unemployed	9.1	11.1	10.1	4.9	5.5	3.5	9.8	11.7	9.1
Total Employment 2/	184,600	183,300	183,700	590,700	585,000	573,900	86,700	86,000	87,400
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,680.6	1,694.4	1,657.3	81,500	81,800	77,600	38,600	39,200	38,800
Total Unemployment	116.1	138.1	98.5	6,700	6,900	3,900	4,900	5,800	5,700
Percent Unemployed	6.9	8.2	5.9	8.2	8.4	5.0	12.7	14.8	14.7
Total Employment 2/	1,564.5	1,556.3	1,558.8	74,800	74,900	73,700	33,700	33,400	33,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,700	78,000	77,200	114,600	114,600	113,100	118,100	122,600	120,500
Total Unemployment	7,200	8,500	5,600	5,600	7,200	4,900	20,200	26,700	25,100
Percent Unemployed	9.4	10.9	7.3	4.9	6.3	4.3	17.1	21.8	20.8
Total Employment 2/	69,500	69,500	71,600	109,000	107,400	108,200	97,900	95,900	95,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,400	64,300	66,000	67,300	67,700	69,100	51,100	51,000	50,900
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,500	2,200	3,400	4,300	3,100	2,100	2,800	1,800
Percent Unemployed	4.3	5.4	3.3	5.1	6.4	4.5	4.1	5.5	3.5
Total Employment 2/	61,600	60,800	63,800	63,900	63,400	66,000	49,000	48,200	49,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	541,600	541,800	530,900	42,900	43,000	42,600	52,400	52,600	50,900
Total Unemployment	30,100	35,400	23,900	2,700	3,100	2,200	4,600	5,000	3,600
Percent Unemployed	5.6	6.5	4.5	6.3	7.2	5.2	8.8	9.5	7.1
Total Employment 2/	511,500	506,400	507,000	40,200	39,900	40,400	47,800	47,600	47,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	83,300	83,800	80,900	37,800	37,700	38,100	93,700	94,600	93,000
Total Unemployment	5,400	6,600	3,600	2,600	2,800	2,000	4,900	5,500	4,100
Percent Unemployed	6.5	7.9	4.4	6.9	7.4	5.2	5.2	5.8	4.4
Total Employment 2/	77,900	77,200	77,300	35,200	34,900	36,100	88,800	89,100	88,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,800	61,400	62,200				7,960.5	7,998.0	7,849.0
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,600	2,900				514.7	604.7	427.7
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.9	4.7				6.5	7.6	5.4
Total Employment 2/	58,400	57,800	59,300				7,445.8	7,393.3	7,421.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted)

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes

3/ In Thousands

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov ± 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov 1984	Nov ± 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov 1984	Nov ± 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov 1984
			FOR TEXAS						
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 393.54	$ 389.57	$ 377.73	41.6	41.4	41.5	$ 9.46	$ 9.41	$ 9.08
Durable Goods	394.80	387.81	373.80	42.0	41.7	42.0	9.40	9.30	8.90
Lumber & Wood Products	262.19	268.09	260.29	38.9	39.6	39.2	6.74	6.77	6.64
Furniture & Fixtures	257.63	257.99	229.51	40.7	40.5	39.3	6.33	6.37	5.84
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	385.82	387.41	363.19	44.5	45.1	43.6	8.67	8.59	8.33
Primary Metal Industries	445.20	428.07	414.29	42.0	41.2	41.1	10.60	10.39	10.08
Fabricated Metal Products	370.24	362.91	358.20	41.6	41.1	41.7	8.90	8.83	8.59
Machinery, exc. Electric	419.18	406.27	394.74	42.6	42.1	43.0	9.84	9.65	9.18
Oil Field Machinery	513.42	478.82	507.10	43.4	41.6	46.1	11.83	11.51	11.00
Electric & Electronic Equip.	421.51	405.59	413.99	41.9	40.6	42.9	10.06	9.99	9.65
Transportation Equipment	533.29	534.49	490.47	42.8	43.0	42.1	12.46	12.43	11.65
Instruments & Related Prod.	332.50	323.21	286.99	41.1	40.1	39.1	8.09	8.06	7.34
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	266.80	271.77	286.54	41.3	42.2	42.2	6.46	6.44	6.79
Nondurable Goods	391.55	390.60	383.05	41.0	40.9	41.1	9.55	9.55	9.32
Food & Kindred Products	327.35	333.85	337.90	41.7	42.1	43.1	7.85	7.93	7.84
Meat Products	273.14	275.46	291.43	41.7	41.8	43.7	6.55	6.59	6.44
Malt Beverages	746.69	699.85	742.60	44.9	42.7	47.0	16.63	16.39	15.80
Textile Mill Products	287.96	280.03	271.32	42.1	41.0	40.8	6.84	6.83	6.65
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	193.51	193.44	192.61	37.0	37.2	38.6	5.23	5.20	4.99
Paper & Allied Products	442.66	434.06	422.26	42.4	41.3	43.0	10.44	10.51	9.82
Printing & Publishing	377.30	372.56	361.00	39.8	39.3	40.2	9.48	9.48	8.98
Chemicals & Allied Products	625.65	618.72	606.41	43.0	42.7	42.2	14.55	14.49	14.37
Petroleum & Coal Products	617.58	613.28	554.36	43.8	43.9	39.4	14.10	13.97	14.07
Petroleum Refining	641.23	636.11	572.09	43.8	43.9	39.4	14.64	14.49	14.52
Leather & Leather Products	216.00	218.65	217.17	40.0	39.9	37.9	5.40	5.48	5.73
Other Nondurable Goods	364.68	365.56	351.54	41.3	41.4	41.9	8.83	8.83	8.39
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	494.64	481.34	487.41	43.2	42.9	46.2	11.45	11.22	10.55
Oil & Gas Extraction	497.95	483.31	491.24	43.3	42.9	46.3	11.50	11.28	10.61
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnr'ls. exc. Fuel	418.41	433.44	395.90	40.9	43.0	42.8	10.23	10.08	9.25
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	480.40	484.81	450.65	40.0	40.3	39.6	12.01	12.03	11.38
Elec., Gas & San. Services	467.43	463.51	436.69	40.4	40.2	40.1	11.57	11.53	10.89
Wholesale & Retail Trade	228.85	227.87	226.45	32.6	32.6	33.4	7.02	6.99	6.78
Wholesale Trade	380.29	377.48	368.12	40.2	40.2	40.1	9.46	9.39	9.18
Retail Trade	182.41	181.20	181.23	30.3	30.2	31.3	6.02	6.00	5.79
General Merchandise Stores	185.31	178.97	160.31	29.0	29.1	29.2	6.39	6.15	5.49
Banking	271.03	270.31	259.78	37.8	37.7	38.6	7.17	7.17	6.73

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 385.22	$ 381.89	$ 359.21	41.6	41.6	41.1	$ 9.26	$ 9.18	$ 8.74
Durable Goods	408.07	399.49	373.35	42.2	41.7	41.3	9.67	9.58	9.04
Nondurable Goods	335.32	343.21	328.45	40.4	41.4	40.7	8.30	8.29	8.07
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	396.86	394.67	365.79	41.6	41.5	41.9	9.54	9.51	8.73
Durable Goods	418.00	418.00	377.16	41.8	41.8	42.0	10.00	10.00	8.98
Nondurable Goods	346.47	338.64	342.74	41.1	40.8	41.9	8.43	8.30	8.18
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	475.84	470.73	478.73	42.6	42.6	43.8	11.17	11.05	10.93
Durable Goods	418.63	415.16	428.90	42.5	42.8	44.4	9.85	9.70	9.66
Nondurable Goods	553.39	544.80	545.26	42.7	42.2	42.9	12.96	12.91	12.71
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	293.76	297.15	277.38	40.8	41.1	40.2	7.20	7.23	6.90
Durable Goods	310.06	316.09	305.66	41.9	42.6	41.7	7.40	7.42	7.33
Nondurable Goods	277.90	278.08	248.58	39.7	39.5	38.6	7.00	7.04	6.44

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

November. A smaller decline was recorded in business and repair services over the month.

Construction activity once again declined, as an additional 4,200 jobs were lost in November. Low foreign oil prices once again depressed employment in the oil and gas extraction portion of mining, as 600 positions were deleted. Transportation and public utilities also did poorly over the month, losing 400 jobs.

A moderate increase in nondurable goods was not sufficient to pull manufacturing employment up over the month, as sizeable decreases in the durable goods sector left manufacturing 2,900 below the October level. Durable goods as a whole dropped by 5,200, as the majority of its industries reported employment cutbacks over the month. The largest decline occurred in nonelectrical machinery, which lost 2,800 jobs as the slump in electronics continued. An estimated 900 positions were deleted in lumber and wood products as the downturn in construction reduced demand. A labor-management dispute in fabricated metal industries idled 900 workers over the month, and employers in primary metal industries with overstocked inventories cut 800 jobs in November. The only durable goods sector which recorded a notable gain was transportation equipment, where hiring for new and extended contracts created 700 new jobs.

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Although nondurable goods increased by 2,300 between October and November, almost all of the increase was generated by food and kindred products, as the canning and freezing of vegetables was ongoing and Holiday hiring continued in bakery products. All other nondurable goods sectors recorded minor gains or losses.

HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE

There were an estimated 651,000 manufacturing production workers in November, down 3,000 from the October level. In November, the average production worker worked 41.6 hours per week at $9.46 per hour, earning $393.54 per week. Average weekly hours rose 0.2 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings increased by 5¢, pushing average weekly earnings up $3.97. Most of the gains were generated by durable goods industries, as layoffs pushed hours worked by remaining staff upward and increased hourly earnings. A labor-management dispute in nonelectrical machinery caused hours worked to increase by 0.5 hour and average hourly earnings to rise by 19¢.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1984
Total Population	16,342,800	16,077,600*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.4
UI Covered Employers	314,100	305,190
Total Claims Actions	434,598	461,326
Total Initial Claims Actions	66,786	66,803
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	367,812	394,523
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$146.26	$134.22
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$49,401,873	$44,306,925
Total Placements	31,509	38,734

*Revised
**Regular State UI benefits

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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION JANUARY 1986 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT DIPS

The number of jobless Texans declined again between November and December, as 16,500 unemployed persons either found work or dropped out of the labor force, leaving 498,200 active jobseekers in mid-December. The decline caused the actual unemployment rate to edge downward from November's 6.5 percent to 6.3 percent in December. Total employment decreased moderately over the month, as 7,387,100 Texas residents were working in December.

A year ago, in December 1984, there were 72,100 more employed persons in Texas and 54,700 fewer unemployed, with the actual unemployment rate at 5.6 percent. The current month marked the first time in over six months that the 1985 rate was less than a full percentage point above the same month's rate in 1984.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	115,780.0	116,097.0	114,027.0
Unemployment	7,717.0	7,815.0	7,978.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.7	7.0
Total Employment	108,063.0	108,282.0	106,049.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	116,229.0	116,067.0	114,464.0
Unemployment	8,023.0	8,140.0	8,191.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.0	7.2
Total Employment	108,206.0	107,927.0	106,273.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,885.3	7,960.5	7,902.7
Unemployment	498.2	514.7	443.5
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.5	5.6
Total Employment	7,387.1	7,445.8	7,459.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,915.0	7,996.0	7,937.0
Unemployment	541.0	549.0	476.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.9	6.0
Total Employment	7,374.0	7,447.0	7,461.0

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate slid from 6.9 percent in November to 6.8 percent in December, but the current rate was considerably above the year-ago rate of 6.0 percent. The Nation's actual unemployment rate remained unchanged over the month at 6.7 percent, slightly above the Texas rate; and the U. S. seasonally adjusted rate edged down from 7.0 percent to 6.9 percent over the month, just above Texas' seasonally adjusted 6.8 percent.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS INCREASE SEASONALLY

Only 17,900 jobs were added to the nonagricultural wage and salary employment total between November and December, as many sectors of the Texas economy showed either minimal growth or declined over the month. Nonfarm salaried jobs totaled 6,669,200 in mid-December, 121,900 above the December 1984 level -- almost half the increase produced between December 1983 and December 1984. Only three major industry groups recorded substantial increases over the month -- trade, services, and government. The retail portion of trade generated 18,500 jobs in December, as final hiring for the Christmas season was ongoing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	54,100	53,700	53,500	80,800	81,800	80,500	356,200	355,700	343,000
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,600	9,700	9,800	9,700	40,800	41,000	41,600
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,400	1,500	1,800	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	4,400	5,000	4,500	27,700	27,900	27,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,700	2,800	6,000	6,000	6,500	9,600	9,600	9,400
Trade	14,900	14,600	14,800	25,200	25,100	24,300	77,700	76,200	75,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,700	25,600	23,400
Services & Misc.	12,900	12,900	12,700	15,600	15,800	15,300	81,000	81,600	74,800
Government	8,100	8,100	8,000	14,200	14,300	13,900	92,600	92,700	90,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	136,000	136,500	143,300	58,600	58,400	60,000	64,500	64,800	65,300
Manufacturing	26,900	27,000	30,300	16,200	16,200	17,100	9,500	9,800	10,700
Mining	2,700	2,800	3,000	2,100	2,000	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,300	8,600	9,400	6,300	6,200	7,300	3,300	3,400	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,200	11,400	11,800	2,200	2,200	2,500	3,100	3,200	3,100
Trade	34,300	34,000	35,300	11,100	11,000	11,000	18,600	18,300	18,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,600	2,400	2,400	2,200	3,200	3,300	3,200
Services & Misc.	26,900	27,000	27,900	7,300	7,500	7,300	12,000	12,000	11,800
Government	20,200	20,300	20,000	11,000	10,900	10,200	14,700	14,700	14,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	50,700	51,300	49,800	136,500	136,800	134,500	1,254.0	1,254.8	1,240.4
Manufacturing	3,300	3,600	3,400	13,300	13,500	13,700	221.4	222.1	224.6
Mining	1,400	1,500	1,400	7,100	7,000	7,800	23.5	23.5	23.6
Construction	2,700	2,800	3,000	12,000	12,400	11,000	78.3	80.3	76.9
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,600	1,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	77.6	77.7	76.0
Trade	10,900	10,900	10,500	35,000	34,800	34,200	335.3	333.0	333.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,300	6,300	6,400	118.2	118.3	116.4
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,700	7,300	27,600	27,600	26,600	260.9	261.3	257.2
Government	21,200	21,200	20,600	27,600	27,600	27,200	138.8	138.6	132.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	176,500	175,600	173,300	492,000	491,500	474,600	73,900	74,000	73,500
Manufacturing	39,100	39,400	38,600	112,100	111,600	109,500	9,900	9,900	10,300
Mining	500	500	400	4,600	4,600	4,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	8,900	9,000	8,900	29,800	30,400	28,600	3,900	3,900	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,300	9,100	9,700	25,100	25,100	23,900	5,600	5,600	6,100
Trade	42,700	41,900	42,000	137,700	135,700	131,900	13,900	13,800	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,700	8,500	8,300	27,900	28,100	26,100	5,000	5,000	4,700
Services & Misc.	31,900	31,700	29,900	92,500	93,800	89,000	12,400	12,600	12,400
Government	35,400	35,500	35,500	62,300	62,200	60,700	22,100	22,100	20,800

Growth from November to December in services was substantial, with 5,300 additions. The majority of the increase was due to a motion picture being filmed in the State, which upped employment in amusement, including motion pictures, by 6,600 over the month. Business and repair services also provided a sizeable increase, as temporary help agencies added people to fill in for vacationing workers during Christmas. The only cutbacks occurred in educational services, as the fall semester was ending at private schools and colleges.

Government recorded an increase of 2,200 over the month, with most of the growth generated by the federal sector as additional Postal workers were hired to deal with the last-minute Christmas mail and temporary workers were hired to fill in for those on holiday. State government employment declined due to the close of the fall semester at state educational institutions.

The recent slowdown in construction has curtailed growth in finance, insurance and real estate, as this sector created only 600 new jobs in December. Job creation was fairly evenly spread throughout the three sectors, with other finance, insurance and real estate gaining 300 jobs and smaller gains in the other segments. All portions of transportation, except railroads, suffered cutbacks in December, pulling

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Industry	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,507.2	1,501.1	1,479.4	66,500	66,800	64,900	33,000	33,000	32,500
Manufacturing	170.8	171.3	176.1	8,500	8,600	8,600	1,800	1,900	1,900
Mining	97.2	96.3	96.7	--	--	--	1,600	1,600	1,800
Construction	105.8	107.5	111.4	3,600	3,700	3,600	1,400	1,400	1,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	103.9	104.5	100.8	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,700	3,700	3,600
Trade	376.9	371.8	380.0	16,300	16,500	16,300	10,000	9,900	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	119.2	118.8	110.2	2,900	2,900	2,700	1,500	1,500	1,700
Services & Misc.	343.9	341.8	327.0	12,500	12,400	11,900	5,200	5,200	5,000
Government	189.5	189.1	177.2	19,700	19,600	18,700	7,800	7,800	7,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,800	65,600	67,700	95,300	95,900	93,900	84,100	83,100	81,100
Manufacturing	15,000	15,000	15,200	7,900	8,300	9,200	11,700	11,800	11,200
Mining	4,800	4,800	4,700	400	500	600	1,700	1,700	1,800
Construction	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,100	5,300	4,400	4,500	4,500	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,400	5,400	5,400	5,200	2,800	2,800	2,700
Trade	16,500	16,200	16,800	29,000	28,800	27,600	26,100	25,000	25,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,100	3,000	5,800	5,700	5,600	3,600	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	10,800	10,800	11,100	19,500	19,600	19,700	12,300	12,300	12,200
Government	8,500	8,500	8,500	22,200	22,300	21,600	21,400	21,400	20,300
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	52,400	51,900	53,500	53,800	53,600	55,500	39,500	39,200	39,200
Manufacturing	3,500	3,400	3,600	4,400	4,400	4,900	5,500	5,400	5,500
Mining	11,600	11,600	12,800	8,200	8,200	8,700	900	900	900
Construction	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,500	3,700	4,200	2,700	2,700	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,700	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,900	12,500	12,900	16,600	16,200	16,800	10,600	10,400	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,600	2,100	2,100	2,300	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,700	8,800	8,500	8,500	8,200	7,400	7,400	7,600
Government	7,000	7,000	6,400	7,900	7,900	7,700	6,800	6,800	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	479,200	476,700	468,600	37,500	37,600	36,900	46,300	46,100	46,400
Manufacturing	48,800	49,200	52,000	11,800	11,800	11,800	7,400	7,300	7,700
Mining	3,500	3,600	3,600	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	35,400	35,500	34,500	1,300	1,500	1,200	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,200	17,900	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Trade	129,400	127,500	125,300	8,300	8,100	8,200	12,300	12,100	12,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,300	36,100	34,200	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	103,200	102,800	100,000	7,300	7,400	7,000	8,700	8,800	8,300
Government	104,400	103,800	101,100	5,000	5,000	4,900	12,600	12,600	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	62,700	62,800	61,200	29,200	29,100	29,600	78,800	78,300	77,400
Manufacturing	12,000	12,200	12,500	3,000	3,000	2,900	15,900	15,600	15,400
Mining	3,100	3,200	3,500	2,900	2,900	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	3,300	3,300	2,700	2,400	2,400	2,700	4,400	4,300	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,700	3,700	3,600
Trade	16,700	16,600	16,100	8,400	8,400	8,300	19,600	19,700	19,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,900
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,500	12,200	5,100	5,000	5,500	18,400	18,300	17,900
Government	8,500	8,500	7,900	4,200	4,200	4,200	12,000	11,900	11,800
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,900	51,700	52,200						
Manufacturing	8,900	8,900	9,200						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,400						
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600						
Trade	13,000	12,800	12,800						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,600						
Government	10,100	10,100	10,100						

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1/ All estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor

2/ In Thousands

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Dec. 1985*	Nov. 1985**	Dec. 1984**	Change From Nov. 1985	Change From Dec. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT‡	6,669,200	6,651,300	6,547,300	17,900	121,900
Manufacturing	989,200	989,700	1,004,700	-500	-15,500
Durable Goods	572,800	574,500	586,100	-1,700	-13,300
Lumber & Wood Products	40,600	40,700	41,400	-100	-800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,800	7,000	0	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	17,300	17,500	18,200	-200	-900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	49,600	50,100	48,400	-500	1,200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	25,100	25,400	23,400	-300	1,700
Primary Metal Industries	34,700	34,900	36,200	-200	-1,500
Fabricated Metal Industries	83,000	83,400	83,300	-400	-300
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	42,700	43,100	43,400	-400	-700
Machinery, Except Electrical	121,500	121,800	133,900	-300	-12,400
Oil Field Machinery	36,500	37,000	40,700	-500	-4,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	109,300	109,400	111,900	-100	-2,600
Transportation Equipment	81,100	80,800	77,100	300	4,000
Aircraft & Parts	42,800	42,700	39,400	100	3,400
Instruments & Related Products	22,700	22,600	22,800	100	-100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,000	13,300	12,900	-300	100
Nondurable Goods	416,400	415,200	418,600	1,200	-2,200
Food & Kindred Products	104,800	103,000	98,300	1,800	6,500
Meat Products	27,900	27,700	25,300	200	2,600
Dairy Products	5,300	5,300	5,200	0	100
Bakery Products	12,400	12,400	12,100	0	300
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,200	2,900	-100	200
Textile Mill Products	4,500	4,600	4,800	-100	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	58,700	59,400	60,200	-700	-1,500
Paper & Allied Products	23,700	23,800	24,000	-100	-300
Printing & Publishing	74,700	74,100	72,400	600	2,300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ	38,000	37,400	36,000	600	2,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,500	75,400	75,900	100	-400
Petroleum & Coal Products	34,200	34,400	41,500	-200	-7,300
Petroleum Refining	31,100	31,200	38,300	-100	-7,200
Leather & Leather Products	7,300	7,300	7,700	0	-400
Other Nondurable Goods	33,000	33,200	33,800	-200	-800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,680,000	5,661,600	5,542,600	18,400	137,400
Mining	259,100	261,000	273,300	-1,900	-14,200
Oil & Gas Extraction	249,700	251,500	263,700	-1,800	-14,000
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,500	9,600	-100	-200
Construction	429,800	434,000	427,100	-4,200	2,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	373,200	374,200	373,000	-1,000	200
Railroad Transportation	23,200	23,100	24,800	100	-1,600
Transportation, Except Railroads	181,800	182,800	180,300	-1,000	1,500
Transportation by Air	41,000	41,100	37,800	-100	3,200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	86,700	86,800	89,000	-100	-2,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,000	80,100	78,900	-100	1,100
Electric Services	45,100	45,100	44,400	0	700
Gas Production & Distribution	28,100	28,300	28,400	-200	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,673,700	1,656,300	1,653,500	17,400	20,200
Wholesale Trade	422,300	423,400	427,800	-1,100	-5,500
Retail Trade	1,251,400	1,232,900	1,225,700	18,500	25,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,200	54,500	54,200	-300	0
General Merchandise Stores	177,600	168,200	171,900	9,400	5,700
Food Stores	225,200	223,500	215,800	1,700	9,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	139,800	140,200	136,300	-400	3,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	87,200	82,500	88,400	4,700	-1,200
Other Retail Trade	567,500	564,000	559,100	3,500	8,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	431,900	431,300	421,100	600	10,800
Banking	106,500	106,400	105,400	100	1,100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	134,700	134,500	128,800	200	5,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	190,700	190,400	186,900	300	3,800
Services	1,320,300	1,315,000	1,279,300	5,300	41,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	76,300	76,500	78,800	-200	-2,500
Personal Services	86,300	86,400	81,300	-100	5,000
Business & Repair Services	370,200	368,800	361,000	1,400	9,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	61,300	54,700	52,100	6,600	9,200
Health Services	344,000	344,100	341,000	-100	3,000
Educational Services	62,100	63,800	59,900	-1,700	2,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	320,100	320,700	305,200	-600	14,900
Total Government	1,192,000	1,189,800	1,115,300	2,200	76,700
Total Federal Government	190,800	188,200	180,400	2,600	10,400
Total State Government	288,600	289,700	264,700	-1,100	23,900
Total Local Government	712,600	711,900	670,200	700	42,400

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	65,000	65,200	63,800	101,000	102,000	100,900	400,100	406,800	389,900
Total Unemployment	4,000	3,900	2,300	6,700	5,300	4,700	16,200	19,800	11,900
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.0	3.6	6.6	5.2	4.7	4.0	4.9	3.1
Total Employment 2/	61,000	61,300	61,500	94,300	96,700	96,200	383,900	387,000	378,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	166,000	168,600	177,100	82,100	82,400	83,900	90,500	91,500	92,300
Total Unemployment	18,800	19,400	18,500	6,300	6,100	4,700	11,500	11,600	11,200
Percent Unemployed	11.3	11.5	10.4	7.7	7.4	5.6	12.7	12.7	12.1
Total Employment 2/	147,200	149,200	158,600	75,800	76,300	79,200	79,000	79,900	81,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,100	61,100	59,600	169,000	170,800	168,500	1,306.2	1,322.7	1,307.6
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,800	2,100	14,200	14,000	12,400	56.7	61.6	42.9
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.6	3.5	8.4	8.2	7.4	4.3	4.7	3.3
Total Employment 2/	57,400	58,300	57,500	154,800	156,800	156,100	1,249.5	1,261.1	1,264.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	202,600	203,000	204,400	617,900	624,300	605,900	95,000	95,900	96,500
Total Unemployment	18,800	18,500	20,000	28,900	30,800	23,700	9,200	9,400	8,900
Percent Unemployed	9.3	9.1	9.8	4.7	4.9	3.9	9.7	9.8	9.2
Total Employment 2/	183,800	184,500	184,400	589,000	593,500	582,200	85,800	86,500	87,600
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,667.4	1,679.6	1,664.8	79,500	81,400	78,000	38,200	38,600	39,300
Total Unemployment	112.0	116.0	97.9	5,400	6,700	4,000	4,900	5,000	5,900
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.9	5.9	6.8	8.2	5.1	12.8	13.0	15.0
Total Employment 2/	1,555.4	1,563.6	1,566.9	74,100	74,700	74,000	33,300	33,600	33,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,800	76,800	77,700	114,100	114,600	114,800	117,300	118,100	121,400
Total Unemployment	7,000	7,200	6,000	5,700	5,600	5,600	19,200	20,200	25,000
Percent Unemployed	9.2	9.4	7.7	5.0	4.9	4.9	16.4	17.1	20.6
Total Employment 2/	68,800	69,600	71,700	108,400	109,000	109,200	98,100	97,900	96,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,700	64,300	66,900	66,900	67,200	70,200	50,600	51,100	51,200
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,800	2,300	3,300	3,400	3,000	1,900	2,100	2,000
Percent Unemployed	4.1	4.4	3.4	4.9	5.1	4.3	3.8	4.1	3.9
Total Employment 2/	61,100	61,500	64,600	63,600	63,800	67,200	48,700	49,000	49,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	538,200	540,900	535,800	42,300	42,900	43,100	52,000	52,300	51,600
Total Unemployment	30,600	30,300	26,300	2,600	2,700	2,500	4,500	4,600	3,800
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.6	4.9	6.1	6.3	5.8	8.7	8.8	7.4
Total Employment 2/	507,600	510,600	509,500	39,700	40,200	40,600	47,500	47,700	47,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,800	83,300	82,000	37,000	37,800	37,800	93,600	93,700	93,600
Total Unemployment	5,200	5,400	4,400	2,400	2,600	1,900	5,100	4,900	4,700
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.5	5.4	6.5	6.9	5.0	5.4	5.2	5.0
Total Employment 2/	77,600	77,900	77,600	34,600	35,200	35,900	88,500	88,800	88,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,400	61,800	62,700				7,885.3	7,960.5	7,902.7
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,400	2,900				498.2	514.7	443.5
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.5	4.6				6.3	6.5	5.6
Total Employment 2/	58,000	58,400	59,800				7,387.1	7,445.8	7,459.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec.± 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec.± 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec.± 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
			FOR TEXAS						
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 399.31	$ 393.01	$ 385.98	41.9	41.5	42.0	$ 9.53	$ 9.47	$ 9.19
Durable Goods	399.41	393.44	379.80	42.4	41.9	42.2	9.42	9.39	9.00
Lumber & Wood Products	259.74	262.25	257.74	39.0	39.2	38.7	6.66	6.69	6.66
Furniture & Fixtures	262.44	258.39	228.34	40.5	40.5	39.1	6.48	6.38	5.84
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	371.94	386.28	369.67	42.9	44.4	43.8	8.67	8.70	8.44
Primary Metal Industries	433.26	431.55	422.47	41.5	41.1	41.5	10.44	10.50	10.18
Fabricated Metal Products	375.01	369.29	370.64	41.9	41.4	42.7	8.95	8.92	8.68
Machinery, exc. Electric	416.75	415.39	398.79	42.7	42.3	43.3	9.76	9.82	9.21
Oil Field Machinery	510.41	503.43	511.98	43.0	42.7	46.0	11.87	11.79	11.13
Electric & Electronic Equip.	440.56	420.51	409.81	44.1	41.8	42.6	9.99	10.06	9.62
Transportation Equipment	558.75	532.04	504.90	44.1	42.7	42.5	12.67	12.46	11.88
Instruments & Related Prod.	345.66	333.34	293.64	42.0	40.9	39.1	8.23	8.15	7.51
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	261.88	262.89	290.37	41.9	41.4	41.6	6.25	6.35	6.98
Nondurable Goods	398.96	393.74	395.54	41.3	41.1	41.9	9.66	9.58	9.44
Food & Kindred Products	335.81	335.58	341.91	42.4	42.0	43.5	7.92	7.99	7.86
Meat Products	265.61	262.44	273.84	40.8	40.5	42.0	6.51	6.48	6.52
Malt Beverages	795.64	746.69	701.12	47.7	44.9	44.8	16.68	16.63	15.65
Textile Mill Products	308.77	287.70	281.47	44.3	42.0	42.2	6.97	6.85	6.67
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	189.16	194.40	188.88	36.1	37.1	37.7	5.24	5.24	5.01
Paper & Allied Products	458.55	453.05	425.70	43.3	42.5	43.0	10.59	10.66	9.90
Printing & Publishing	377.85	375.41	372.91	39.9	39.6	40.8	9.47	9.48	9.14
Chemicals & Allied Products	630.02	625.22	609.33	42.8	43.0	42.7	14.72	14.54	14.27
Petroleum & Coal Products	639.25	616.61	641.55	44.3	43.7	45.5	14.43	14.11	14.10
Petroleum Refining	663.61	640.79	664.63	44.3	43.8	45.9	14.98	14.63	14.48
Leather & Leather Products	213.47	224.22	208.66	39.9	41.6	36.8	5.35	5.39	5.67
Other Nondurable Goods	392.77	371.70	355.32	43.4	42.0	42.1	9.05	8.85	8.44
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	523.77	494.49	489.06	44.2	43.3	46.4	11.85	11.42	10.54
Oil & Gas Extraction	527.61	497.80	492.90	44.3	43.4	46.5	11.91	11.47	10.60
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	416.24	413.10	396.20	40.1	40.5	43.3	10.38	10.20	9.15
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	493.68	492.46	446.35	40.8	40.8	39.5	12.10	12.07	11.30
Elec., Gas & San. Services	472.43	471.42	437.70	39.8	40.5	39.9	11.87	11.64	10.97
Wholesale & Retail Trade	229.50	229.18	232.22	32.6	32.6	34.2	7.04	7.03	6.79
Wholesale Trade	379.69	379.75	370.64	39.8	40.1	40.2	9.54	9.47	9.22
Retail Trade	184.83	182.71	187.73	30.5	30.3	32.2	6.06	6.03	5.83
General Merchandise Stores	190.16	182.65	186.45	29.9	28.9	33.0	6.36	6.32	5.65
Banking	284.40	271.03	275.71	38.8	37.8	39.5	7.33	7.17	6.98

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 401.69	$ 387.39	$ 372.91	43.1	41.7	41.9	$ 9.32	$ 9.29	$ 8.90
Durable Goods	423.15	405.59	386.06	43.4	41.9	42.1	9.75	9.68	9.17
Nondurable Goods	355.30	346.08	344.87	42.5	41.2	41.5	8.36	8.40	8.31
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	399.92	395.73	385.64	41.4	41.7	42.1	9.66	9.49	9.16
Durable Goods	424.69	417.32	404.92	41.8	41.9	42.4	10.16	9.96	9.55
Nondurable Goods	341.01	344.02	340.29	40.5	41.2	41.6	8.42	8.35	8.18
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	484.88	474.46	487.07	43.1	42.4	44.4	11.25	11.19	10.97
Durable Goods	429.66	420.18	440.25	43.4	42.4	45.2	9.90	9.91	9.74
Nondurable Goods	558.49	548.66	551.61	42.6	42.4	43.4	13.11	12.94	12.71
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	301.49	295.61	279.16	41.3	41.0	40.4	7.30	7.21	6.91
Durable Goods	320.35	315.03	304.51	42.6	42.4	41.6	7.52	7.43	7.32
Nondurable Goods	283.91	276.80	254.02	40.1	39.6	39.2	7.08	6.99	6.48

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor transportation and public utilities down by 1,000 over the month. Job losses were also common in mining, where the oil and gas extraction sector dropped by 1,800 between November and December, as foreign oil prices remained low. Somewhat inclement weather, combined with several project completions and a lack of new starts, left construction employment in December 4,200 below the November level. These scattered losses kept the nonmanufacturing sector's overall growth to 18,300 despite the large increases elsewhere.

Manufacturing continued to perform poorly, especially in the durable goods sector, which lost 1,700 jobs over the month. Several industries recorded moderate losses, including stone, clay and glass products; fabricated metal industries; and non-electrical machinery. The largest gain in durable goods occurred in transportation equipment, where 300 jobs were added in December. Two sectors of nondurable goods recorded substantial growth over the month. Food and kindred products added 1,800 workers, as vegetable canning was underway in the Valley area. The printing of calendars and other seasonal products pushed employment up by 600 in printing and publishing in December. A decline of 700 in apparel and other textile products was due primarily to part-time employees being laid off. Other gains and losses within manufacturing sectors were minor.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE

There were an estimated 651,400 manufacturing production workers in Texas in December, down 1,500 from the November level. The average worker in December earned $9.53 per hour for a 41.9-hour week, averaging $399.31 per week. Average weekly hours were up by 0.4 hour from November to December, and average hourly earnings rose 6¢, pushing the weekly average wage up by $6.30. Although average hours rose more in durable goods industries, the gain in average hourly earnings was larger among nondurable goods sectors.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
Third Quarter 1985
(October-December 1985)

Abilene	$ 794,874
Amarillo	1,617,377
Austin	4,956,984
Beaumont-Port Arthur	7,739,615
Brazoria PMSA	1,280,855
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,946,134
Bryan-College Station	474,137
Corpus Christi	8,343,675
Dallas PMSA	16,359,952
El Paso	4,515,860
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	8,463,143
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	3,583,400
Houston PMSA	44,750,569
Killeen-Temple	1,375,268
Laredo	1,295,736
Longview-Marshall	3,749,327
Lubbock	1,709,702
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	4,945,546
Midland	855,128
Odessa	1,125,901
San Angelo	383,126
San Antonio	7,260,475
Sherman-Denison	1,028,957
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	568,584
Tyler	2,180,437
Victoria	857,832
Waco	1,417,902
Wichita Falls	1,217,421

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1985	Dec. 1984
Total Population	16,364,900	16,099,700*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	1.5
UI Covered Employers	314,043	300,995
Total Claims Actions	561,846	449,884
Total Initial Claims Actions	74,087	60,864
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	487,759	389,020
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$148.96	$135.72
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$66,178,897	$44,341,287
Total Placements	29,446	29,953

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

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ALL 1985 ESTIMATES REVISED

All civilian labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1985 have been revised. The 1985 revised estimates appearing in this issue are not comparable to any previously published data for 1985. These revisions utilize the most recent data available to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1984 have also been revised. Revisions of civilian labor force estimates for 1980-1984 are currently in progress and should be available within the next month. Tabulations of revised data for the State and specific MSA's may be obtained by writing to the Texas Employment Commission, Economic Research and Analysis Department, TEC Building, Austin, TX 78778. Please specify the areas for which data is needed.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	115,431.0	115,780.0	113,475.0
Unemployment	8,472.0	7,717.0	9,131.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	6.7	8.0
Total Employment	106,959.0	108,063.0	104,344.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	116,786.0	116,229.0	114,754.0
Unemployment	7,831.0	8,023.0	8,439.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.9	7.4
Total Employment	108,955.0	108,206.0	106,315.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,883.6	7,993.5	7,829.5
Unemployment	542.6	505.0	541.1
Percent Unemployed	6.9	6.3	6.9
Total Employment	7,341.0	7,488.5	7,288.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,972.0	8,049.0	7,914.0
Unemployment	510.0	560.0	510.0
Percent Unemployed	6.4	7.0	6.4
Total Employment	7,462.0	7,489.0	7,404.0

OVERVIEW OF 1985 TEXAS ECONOMY

Growth in the Texas economy moderated during 1985, as the State faced problems in several different industry sectors. The largest of these, and the most publicized, was the continued decrease in oil and gas production and refining due to declining foreign oil prices which suppressed incentives to drill new wells or process oil from existing ones. The reduction in mining activity was largely responsible for the largest downturn within manufacturing in 1985, in petroleum and coal products. Primary metal industries, which includes the making of pipelines, was also hurt by declining oil and gas production.

Other manufacturing sectors which have been hurt by foreign competition include apparel and other textile products, textile mill products, and leather and leather products. All of these industries have deleted substantial numbers of jobs due to contracts lost to competitors who can manufacture the same product with cheaper foreign labor. Although cutbacks in the "high-tech" portion of electric and electronic equipment and in nonelectrical machinery did halt employment growth in

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan. '86*	Dec. '85**	Jan. '85**	Jan. '86*	Dec. '85**	Jan. '85**	Jan. '86*	Dec. '85**	Jan. '85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,900	54,400	53,700	81,300	81,500	79,000	366,400	370,100	345,500
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,500	9,900	10,000	9,700	41,100	41,500	42,100
Mining	4,000	4,100	4,200	1,600	1,700	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	4,200	4,000	4,400	26,700	27,000	26,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700	6,100	6,200	6,400	11,200	11,200	10,000
Trade	14,300	14,600	14,300	24,800	24,700	23,300	82,400	85,200	76,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,900	2,800	4,400	4,400	4,300	25,400	25,300	23,000
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,500	13,100	16,000	16,200	15,400	84,100	83,500	75,800
Government	8,200	8,200	8,300	14,300	14,300	13,600	94,400	95,300	90,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	133,100	135,400	139,300	58,100	59,600	59,400	65,000	65,000	63,300
Manufacturing	26,400	26,600	29,600	16,100	16,200	17,000	9,300	9,300	9,800
Mining	2,400	2,400	2,800	1,800	1,900	2,000	100	100	100
Construction	9,000	9,400	9,400	6,300	6,400	6,800	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,100	10,200	10,500	2,000	2,200	2,400	3,300	3,300	3,000
Trade	32,200	33,600	33,100	11,200	11,600	11,000	18,700	18,700	18,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,700	2,300	2,300	2,200	3,500	3,500	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,100	27,200	28,300	8,000	8,200	8,000	12,200	12,300	11,600
Government	20,200	20,300	19,900	10,400	10,800	10,000	14,700	14,700	14,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,700	50,500	46,900	136,200	136,300	133,100	1,318.9	1,327.6	1,288.0
Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,500	12,700	12,800	13,200	232.6	232.8	232.1
Mining	1,200	1,300	1,300	7,700	7,700	8,200	23.9	23.8	23.7
Construction	2,800	2,800	3,000	10,900	11,100	10,200	82.9	83.2	80.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,600	1,600	7,600	7,600	7,500	83.9	84.2	81.1
Trade	11,000	11,000	10,400	34,700	34,700	33,700	353.6	357.8	345.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	2,100	2,100	6,900	6,900	6,800	125.7	127.0	122.1
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,600	7,000	27,900	28,000	26,500	275.6	278.6	269.6
Government	19,400	20,500	18,000	27,800	28,000	27,000	140.7	140.2	133.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	178,800	179,100	174,300	506,900	511,200	486,300	72,100	72,700	70,800
Manufacturing	35,300	35,600	35,900	116,200	116,100	110,500	10,100	10,200	10,300
Mining	400	400	300	4,500	4,500	4,600	700	800	800
Construction	9,000	8,900	8,900	32,500	32,300	31,400	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,300	9,500	9,800	26,900	27,000	25,400	5,500	5,400	5,900
Trade	45,100	45,500	42,800	137,600	140,900	132,400	13,600	13,800	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,300	9,200	8,900	28,000	28,200	26,800	4,600	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	34,200	34,200	31,200	100,100	100,600	95,600	12,400	12,700	12,100
Government	36,200	35,800	36,500	61,100	61,600	59,600	21,900	21,900	20,400

these sectors during the last half of 1985, growth during the first half of the year was sufficient to keep annual average employment in both industries above their 1984 average.

The industry which generated the largest number of new jobs between 1984 and 1985 in Texas was services, with such sectors as business and repair services, educational services, and hotels and lodging places adding workers. Trade also recorded sizeable expansion over the year, as employers in food stores and eating and drinking places created jobs to serve the increasing Texas population. Other major industry sectors registered somewhat smaller increases over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT CLIMBS SEASONALLY

The number of jobless Texans rose by 37,600 between December 1985 and January 1986, as many of those hired for Christmas jobs were released by employers. There were an estimated 542,600 unemployed in the State in the actual series in mid-January, with the unemployment rate rising to 6.9 percent from December's 6.3 percent. The current rate was exactly the same as the January 1985 rate. Total employment in the actual series declined fairly sharply over the month, with the deletion of many seasonal

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan. '86*	Dec. '85**	Jan. '85**	Jan. '86*	Dec. '85**	Jan. '85**	Jan. '86*	Dec. '85**	Jan. '85**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,494.3	1,506.2	1,472.5	66,700	67,400	64,000	34,700	35,000	33,100
Manufacturing	170.6	171.1	175.4	8,400	8,500	8,500	1,800	1,800	1,600
Mining	90.6	91.2	92.8	100	100	100	1,800	1,900	1,900
Construction	101.1	103.6	106.1	3,800	3,900	3,500	1,400	1,400	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	100.9	100.8	99.6	2,800	2,900	2,900	3,700	3,800	3,600
Trade	379.4	387.4	380.8	16,100	16,600	15,900	10,400	10,500	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	111.6	112.4	106.6	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,500	1,400	1,500
Services & Misc.	349.3	351.4	333.7	13,100	12,800	11,900	5,900	6,000	5,400
Government	190.8	188.3	177.5	19,500	19,700	18,400	8,200	8,200	7,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	68,800	69,100	67,500	91,300	93,900	90,400	86,300	86,100	83,200
Manufacturing	16,100	16,400	15,800	7,300	7,600	8,600	12,300	11,700	11,800
Mining	4,500	4,500	4,700	500	500	600	1,500	1,600	1,700
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,500	4,500	4,600	3,800	4,500	4,500	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,500	3,700	4,600	4,800	4,700	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	17,800	17,900	17,200	27,900	28,600	26,500	26,800	27,100	25,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,500	3,200	5,300	5,500	5,500	3,900	4,000	3,600
Services & Misc.	11,900	11,800	11,000	19,500	19,900	19,400	13,200	13,000	12,500
Government	8,100	8,100	8,400	21,700	22,400	21,300	21,500	21,600	21,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	49,100	49,700	50,000	51,900	52,300	52,200	37,900	38,100	36,900
Manufacturing	3,900	3,900	3,900	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,700	5,500	5,400
Mining	11,000	11,300	12,100	8,900	9,000	9,300	800	900	900
Construction	2,300	2,400	2,400	2,900	3,000	3,500	2,300	2,300	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,700	3,200	3,100	3,200
Trade	11,100	11,200	11,200	14,700	15,000	14,300	9,700	10,000	9,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,300	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,900	2,000	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	8,800	8,400	8,300	8,000	7,400	7,500	7,600
Government	6,200	6,300	5,800	7,400	7,400	7,300	6,900	6,800	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	484,500	487,200	470,500	37,200	37,300	36,700	45,400	45,900	44,900
Manufacturing	49,300	49,700	52,000	11,800	11,700	11,800	7,700	7,700	7,400
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,400	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	36,100	36,300	35,000	1,600	1,600	1,500	2,200	2,200	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	19,000	19,000	18,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	125,400	127,700	121,200	8,100	8,200	8,000	10,600	10,900	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,600	36,800	35,000	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,800	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	108,800	108,800	103,200	7,000	7,100	6,800	8,600	8,600	8,300
Government	106,000	105,600	101,900	5,000	5,000	4,900	12,500	12,600	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	63,500	63,600	62,100	29,400	29,500	29,500	78,500	79,500	76,400
Manufacturing	11,300	11,400	12,400	3,200	3,200	3,100	16,700	16,800	15,800
Mining	2,700	2,700	3,200	3,000	3,200	3,300	100	200	200
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	2,000	2,000	2,300	4,500	4,500	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	2,900	1,600	1,500	1,600	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	17,700	17,700	16,800	8,400	8,400	8,000	18,700	19,200	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,000	3,800	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,700	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,100	12,200	5,400	5,300	5,500	18,500	18,600	17,400
Government	8,600	8,700	8,000	4,200	4,300	4,100	11,800	11,900	11,800
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,000	52,400	51,300						
Manufacturing	8,300	8,400	8,700						
Mining	3,000	3,000	3,200						
Construction	2,100	2,200	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700						
Trade	13,000	13,300	12,500						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,300						
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,400						
Government	10,600	10,500	10,400						

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1/ All estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Jan. 1986*	Dec. 1985**	Jan. 1985**	Change From Dec. 1985	Change From Jan. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,710,000	6,766,700	6,568,400	-56,700	141,600
Manufacturing	991,500	996,900	1,007,900	-5,400	-16,400
Durable Goods	582,300	583,700	594,600	-1,400	-12,300
Lumber & Wood Products	40,600	41,000	41,900	-400	-1,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,500	7,500	200	200
Furniture & Fixtures	17,500	17,900	17,800	-400	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,500	48,800	48,400	-300	100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,100	23,400	22,600	-300	500
Primary Metal Industries	32,600	32,700	34,600	-100	-2,000
Fabricated Metal Industries	81,400	82,000	82,600	-600	-1,200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	42,000	42,400	42,900	-400	-900
Machinery, Except Electrical	129,100	129,400	140,300	-300	-11,200
Oil Field Machinery	37,200	37,300	42,000	-100	-4,800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	114,800	113,700	116,700	1,100	-1,900
Transportation Equipment	81,800	81,400	76,000	400	5,800
Aircraft & Parts	43,100	42,800	39,700	300	3,400
Instruments & Related Products	23,400	23,800	23,200	-400	200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,600	13,000	13,100	-400	-500
Nondurable Goods	409,200	413,200	413,300	-4,000	-4,100
Food & Kindred Products	97,800	100,300	94,900	-2,500	2,900
Meat Products	26,400	27,000	25,600	-600	800
Dairy Products	5,300	5,300	5,200	0	100
Bakery Products	10,100	11,200	10,800	-1,100	-700
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,100	3,000	-100	0
Textile Mill Products	4,500	4,500	4,800	0	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	57,300	57,500	57,800	-200	-500
Paper & Allied Products	23,100	23,100	22,900	0	200
Printing & Publishing	75,400	76,200	72,900	-800	2,500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	37,500	38,100	36,500	-600	1,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,900	77,300	78,600	-400	-1,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,600	32,600	39,500	0	-6,900
Petroleum Refining	29,500	29,600	36,500	-100	-7,000
Leather & Leather Products	7,600	7,700	7,800	-100	-200
Other Nondurable Goods	34,000	34,000	34,100	0	-100
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,718,500	5,769,800	5,560,500	-51,300	158,000
Mining	249,500	250,500	269,400	-1,000	-19,900
Oil & Gas Extraction	241,300	242,200	261,000	-900	-19,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	8,200	8,300	8,400	-100	-200
Construction	439,400	444,400	425,500	-5,000	13,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	381,900	383,200	378,400	-1,300	3,500
Railroad Transportation	22,400	23,000	24,500	-600	-2,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	188,400	189,000	184,000	-600	4,400
Transportation by Air	48,100	48,100	43,700	0	4,400
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	90,600	90,400	90,300	200	300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,500	80,800	79,600	-300	900
Electric Services	45,800	45,800	44,900	0	900
Gas Production & Distribution	27,500	28,200	28,500	-700	-1,000
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,720,500	1,746,500	1,674,800	-26,000	45,700
Wholesale Trade	445,400	444,500	442,000	900	3,400
Retail Trade	1,275,100	1,302,000	1,232,800	-26,900	42,300
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	51,500	52,800	52,300	-1,300	-800
General Merchandise Stores	167,400	177,600	159,500	-10,200	7,900
Food Stores	230,400	233,800	217,100	-3,400	13,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	145,200	145,100	138,600	100	6,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	88,100	91,100	87,000	-3,000	1,100
Other Retail Trade	592,500	601,600	578,300	-9,100	14,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	445,800	447,500	432,600	-1,700	13,200
Banking	106,400	107,500	106,700	-1,100	-300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	137,500	137,400	131,100	100	6,400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	201,900	202,600	194,800	-700	7,100
Services	1,351,200	1,362,400	1,299,900	-11,200	51,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,600	84,300	81,700	-700	1,900
Personal Services	83,100	82,400	78,800	700	4,300
Business & Repair Services	381,400	379,600	367,600	1,800	13,800
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	43,200	53,400	46,100	-10,200	-2,900
Health Services	350,700	350,700	344,900	0	5,800
Educational Services	69,200	72,300	60,900	-3,100	8,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	340,000	339,700	319,900	300	20,100
Total Government	1,130,200	1,135,300	1,079,900	-5,100	50,300
Total Federal Government	190,000	189,500	180,000	500	10,000
Total State Government	235,000	240,600	230,300	-5,600	4,700
Total Local Government	705,200	705,200	669,600	0	35,600

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jan. '86*	Dec. '85**	Jan. '85**	Jan. '86*	Dec. '85**	Jan. '85**	Jan. '86*	Dec. '85**	Jan. '85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,900	56,400	55,300	98,000	100,500	97,500	412,100	418,900	388,700
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,600	3,100	5,800	6,700	5,900	18,000	16,600	13,600
Percent Unemployed	5.6	6.4	5.6	5.9	6.7	6.1	4.4	4.0	3.5
Total Employment 2/	51,800	52,800	52,200	92,200	93,800	91,600	394,100	402,300	375,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,200	162,000	169,800	77,000	78,600	78,000	88,500	89,400	89,400
Total Unemployment	20,100	18,600	22,800	6,900	6,200	5,900	12,100	11,400	13,700
Percent Unemployed	12.6	11.5	13.4	9.0	7.9	7.6	13.7	12.8	15.3
Total Employment 2/	139,100	143,400	147,000	70,100	72,400	72,100	76,400	78,000	75,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,200	57,200	54,000	163,200	164,100	161,700	1,340.4	1,355.3	1,323.0
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,700	2,500	15,400	14,000	15,200	62.6	57.6	57.7
Percent Unemployed	4.9	4.7	4.6	9.4	8.5	9.4	4.7	4.2	4.4
Total Employment 2/	52,500	54,500	51,500	147,800	150,100	146,500	1,277.8	1,297.7	1,265.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	207,000	210,200	209,600	619,500	629,300	603,600	103,700	105,500	104,500
Total Unemployment	19,100	19,000	23,900	30,200	29,300	29,400	10,100	9,500	11,300
Percent Unemployed	9.2	9.0	11.4	4.9	4.7	4.9	9.7	9.0	10.8
Total Employment 2/	187,900	191,200	185,700	589,300	600,000	574,200	93,600	96,000	93,200
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,609.2	1,630.3	1,611.2	83,000	85,000	80,900	41,000	41,600	42,300
Total Unemployment	120.0	110.8	120.6	5,500	5,600	5,300	5,000	4,900	7,200
Percent Unemployed	7.5	6.8	7.5	6.6	6.6	6.6	12.2	11.8	17.0
Total Employment 2/	1,489.2	1,519.5	1,490.6	77,500	79,400	75,600	36,000	36,700	35,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,700	79,600	78,300	106,500	109,500	107,400	136,500	138,800	139,300
Total Unemployment	7,500	6,900	7,400	6,300	5,500	5,900	25,500	24,200	29,500
Percent Unemployed	9.5	8.7	9.5	5.9	5.0	5.5	18.7	17.4	21.2
Total Employment 2/	71,200	72,700	70,900	100,200	104,000	101,500	111,000	114,600	109,800
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,300	52,100	52,800	59,900	60,200	61,300	43,600	44,200	43,800
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,400	2,800	3,800	3,100	3,700	2,000	1,700	2,300
Percent Unemployed	5.5	4.6	5.3	6.3	5.1	6.0	4.6	3.8	5.3
Total Employment 2/	48,100	49,700	50,000	56,100	57,100	57,600	41,600	42,500	41,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	545,700	551,900	535,800	45,100	45,500	46,000	55,500	56,700	55,900
Total Unemployment	32,400	30,900	30,100	2,600	2,600	3,000	4,700	4,400	4,900
Percent Unemployed	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.7	6.5	8.5	7.8	8.8
Total Employment 2/	513,300	521,000	505,700	42,500	42,900	43,000	50,800	52,300	51,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,200	75,500	73,000	36,900	37,500	37,600	86,900	88,400	85,900
Total Unemployment	5,100	5,000	4,400	2,500	2,400	2,300	5,300	5,000	5,500
Percent Unemployed	6.9	6.6	6.0	6.8	6.4	6.1	6.1	5.7	6.4
Total Employment 2/	69,100	70,500	68,600	34,400	35,100	35,300	81,600	83,400	80,400
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,500	56,200	56,200				7,883.6	7,993.5	7,829.5
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,200	3,600				542.6	505.0	541.1
Percent Unemployed	6.1	5.7	6.4				6.9	6.3	6.9
Total Employment 2/	52,100	53,000	52,600				7,341.0	7,488.5	7,288.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan.± 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan.± 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan.± 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
			FOR TEXAS						
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 392.64	$ 400.79	$ 379.66	41.2	42.1	41.0	$ 9.53	$ 9.52	$ 9.26
Durable Goods	391.76	403.18	376.89	41.5	42.8	41.1	9.44	9.42	9.17
Lumber & Wood Products	277.30	267.85	247.23	40.6	39.8	36.9	6.83	6.73	6.70
Furniture & Fixtures	244.83	250.92	220.70	38.8	41.0	36.6	6.31	6.12	6.03
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	383.25	374.53	352.38	43.9	43.0	41.9	8.73	8.71	8.41
Primary Metal Industries	428.90	433.88	422.06	40.5	41.8	41.5	10.59	10.38	10.17
Fabricated Metal Products	372.11	379.74	360.04	41.3	42.1	41.1	9.01	9.02	8.76
Machinery, exc. Electric	397.72	418.47	396.16	41.3	43.5	42.1	9.63	9.62	9.41
Oil Field Machinery	466.05	515.73	508.57	41.5	45.2	45.9	11.23	11.41	11.08
Electric & Electronic Equip.	414.41	451.10	411.40	41.4	45.2	42.5	10.01	9.98	9.68
Transportation Equipment	534.25	553.78	518.18	42.1	43.4	42.3	12.69	12.76	12.25
Instruments & Related Prod.	334.53	348.59	290.32	40.5	42.1	38.2	8.26	8.28	7.60
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	268.14	263.22	268.31	41.0	41.0	39.4	6.54	6.42	6.81
Nondurable Goods	395.09	398.40	384.46	40.9	41.2	40.9	9.66	9.67	9.40
Food & Kindred Products	348.89	342.17	329.28	42.6	42.4	42.0	8.19	8.07	7.84
Meat Products	293.61	268.62	282.01	42.8	40.7	42.6	6.86	6.60	6.62
Malt Beverages	853.63	750.60	713.51	49.4	45.0	44.4	17.28	16.68	16.07
Textile Mill Products	316.75	304.34	283.90	44.3	44.3	42.5	7.15	6.87	6.68
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	193.73	191.78	189.48	36.9	36.6	37.3	5.25	5.24	5.08
Paper & Allied Products	456.62	461.47	421.88	43.2	43.7	42.4	10.57	10.56	9.95
Printing & Publishing	358.72	375.56	360.48	37.8	39.7	39.7	9.49	9.46	9.08
Chemicals & Allied Products	620.33	632.71	618.34	42.9	43.1	43.0	14.46	14.68	14.38
Petroleum & Coal Products	657.25	647.14	587.64	43.7	43.2	41.5	15.04	14.98	14.16
Petroleum Refining	691.73	677.04	609.24	44.2	43.4	41.7	15.65	15.60	14.61
Leather & Leather Products	191.35	212.40	191.95	35.5	39.7	34.9	5.39	5.35	5.50
Other Nondurable Goods	373.47	390.34	357.01	42.2	42.8	42.2	8.85	9.12	8.46
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	506.78	508.65	478.91	43.5	43.4	44.8	11.65	11.72	10.69
Oil & Gas Extraction	512.16	513.61	481.60	43.7	43.6	44.8	11.72	11.78	10.75
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnris. exc. Fuel	379.46	375.72	388.09	38.8	37.2	42.6	9.78	10.10	9.11
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	472.78	474.81	441.60	39.3	39.7	40.0	12.03	11.96	11.04
Elec., Gas & San. Services	448.52	461.38	446.22	38.9	39.2	40.2	11.53	11.77	11.10
Wholesale & Retail Trade	224.43	227.96	229.08	32.2	32.8	33.2	6.97	6.95	6.90
Wholesale Trade	375.80	378.34	367.23	39.6	39.7	39.7	9.49	9.53	9.25
Retail Trade	175.22	180.23	183.21	29.8	30.6	31.0	5.88	5.89	5.91
General Merchandise Stores	165.50	188.15	170.23	27.4	30.2	29.3	6.04	6.23	5.81
Banking	272.84	282.36	269.63	38.0	39.0	38.3	7.18	7.24	7.04

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 391.76	$ 402.83	$ 372.60	41.5	42.9	41.4	$ 9.44	$ 9.39	$ 9.00
Durable Goods	415.25	426.62	392.40	42.2	43.4	41.7	9.84	9.83	9.41
Nondurable Goods	341.60	359.10	336.60	40.0	42.0	40.8	8.54	8.55	8.25
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	397.70	394.28	377.61	41.6	41.2	41.0	9.56	9.57	9.21
Durable Goods	418.62	412.51	394.01	42.2	41.5	41.0	9.92	9.94	9.61
Nondurable Goods	345.66	344.92	335.38	40.1	40.2	40.9	8.62	8.58	8.20
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	470.82	488.68	472.57	42.0	43.4	43.0	11.21	11.26	10.99
Durable Goods	412.00	438.88	423.15	41.7	43.8	43.4	9.88	10.02	9.75
Nondurable Goods	551.20	556.40	541.88	42.4	42.8	42.5	13.00	13.00	12.75
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	300.53	302.95	268.50	41.0	41.5	38.8	7.33	7.30	6.92
Durable Goods	323.75	321.86	280.28	42.1	42.8	38.5	7.69	7.52	7.28
Nondurable Goods	278.40	284.92	256.11	40.0	40.3	39.1	6.96	7.07	6.55

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

jobs, dropping to 7,341,000 in January 1986 -- its lowest level in a year and only 52,600 above the January 1985 total.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas declined over the month from 6.8 percent to 6.4 percent. The current rate was just below the year-ago seasonally adjusted rate of 6.5 percent.

JANUARY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DROPS

Seasonal cutbacks combined with inclement weather and an already sluggish economy to drop the number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas by 56,700 over the month. There were an estimated 6,710,000 nonfarm salaried jobs in the State in mid-January -- an increase of 141,600, or 2.2 percent, from January 1985. As expected, more jobs were deleted in retail trade than in any other sector in January. Some 26,900 retail jobs were cut, primarily in general merchandise stores and in other retail trade, which includes jewelry stores and eating and drinking places.

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Other seasonal declines occurred in state government and in educational services, as the break between semesters at state and private colleges idled workers. Poor weather conditions hampered construction activity, further curtailing employment in an industry which had already slowed due to overbuilding in some areas. Smaller decreases were reported within mining, which continued downward, in transportation and public utilities and in finance, insurance and real estate in January.

Some of the declines occurring in manufacturing were also seasonal in nature. For a change, the nondurable goods sector recorded the majority of the decrease. The largest downturn, in food and kindred products, was the result of Christmas hires in bakery products being deleted. Cutbacks in printing and publishing came as the seasonal demand for calendars and gift books eased. Scattered, smaller decreases were prevalent in durable goods, but a sizeable increase in electric and electronic equipment helped counter losses.

HOURS DOWN, EARNINGS UP SLIGHTLY

Average weekly hours dropped 0.9 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings inched upward by 1¢ in January, dropping average weekly earnings $1.15. Most of the decline in hours worked occurred in the durable goods sector, as layoffs in such industries as primary metal industries and nonelectrical machinery caused less overtime and a shorter work week for remaining employees. Compared to January 1985, average hours were down 0.2 hour and average earnings had risen 27¢.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1985
Total Population	16,560,500	16,121,800*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.7	1.5
UI Covered Employers	314,403	304,223
Total Claims Actions	649,324	586,396
Total Initial Claims Actions	95,240	86,334
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	554,084	500,062
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$148.96	$138.38
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$77,706,604	$56,487,546
Total Placements	32,375	33,911

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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IMPACT OF BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985 (TITLE II OF P. L. 99-177) -- GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS ACT

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	115,726.0	115,431.0	113,592.0
Unemployment	9,041.0	8,472.0	8,902.0
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.3	7.8
Total Employment	106,685.0	106,959.0	104,690.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	117,088.0	116,786.0	114,982.0
Unemployment	8,527.0	7,831.0	8,395.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	6.7	7.3
Total Employment	108,561.0	108,955.0	106,587.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,901.3	7,883.6	7,906.1
Unemployment	692.7	542.6	558.1
Percent Unemployed	8.8	6.9	7.1
Total Employment	7,208.6	7,341.0	7,348.0
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,990.0	7,972.0	7,986.0
Unemployment	571.0	510.0	537.0
Percent Unemployed	8.4	6.4	6.7
Total Employment	7,319.0	7,462.0	7,449.0

Due to budgetary restraints imposed by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for the seven smallest Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's) (Bryan-College Station, Laredo, San Angelo, Sherman-Denison, Texarkana, Victoria, and Wichita Falls) will no longer be transmitted by TEC to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Thus, these data will not appear in such BLS publications as the monthly News release, the monthly Employment and Earnings publication, and the annual update of the Employment, Hours, and Earnings, States and Areas publication.

We will continue to prepare these data, under TEC auspices, and will publish them in the Texas Labor Market Review. The civilian labor force estimates for Texas areas will continue to be sent to BLS and will be released in their documents, as well as here, until further notice.

We hope, through careful management of available resources and by reductions elsewhere, to continue to generate and release data for all areas, in spite of budgetary cuts. Additional potential budget reductions under Gramm-Rudman-Hollings anticipated in October 1986 will require a further review of the resources available for the production of various types of labor market information for Texas labor areas.

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES SHARPLY

Over 150,000 additional Texans were added to the ranks of the unemployed in February, as the actual unemployment rate rose from 6.9 percent in January to 8.8 percent in February. There were an estimated 692,700 jobless Texans in mid-February, while total employment declined by more than 132,000 to a level of 7,208.600 in the actual series -- its lowest level in two years. The February 1986 rate equalled the highest rate experienced in the current series (recorded in February 1983). Texas was

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Industry	Feb.'86*	Jan.'86**	Feb.'85**	Feb.'86*	Jan.'86**	Feb.'85**	Feb.'86*	Jan.'86**	Feb.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	54,200	54,000	53,800	80,800	81,200	79,700	367,700	365,100	349,900
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,300	10,100	9,900	9,900	40,900	41,100	42,400
Mining	3,900	4,000	4,100	1,500	1,600	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	3,600	4,200	4,400	26,500	26,700	26,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700	6,100	6,200	6,400	11,200	11,200	10,100
Trade	14,400	14,300	14,400	24,500	24,600	23,200	82,100	82,300	76,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,400	4,300	25,300	25,200	23,400
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,600	13,400	16,000	15,900	15,500	84,600	83,600	76,700
Government	8,200	8,200	8,300	14,600	14,400	14,100	96,000	93,900	92,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	132,700	132,100	139,100	58,500	58,400	59,600	65,200	64,900	63,400
Manufacturing	26,400	26,200	29,000	16,000	16,100	17,000	8,400	9,300	9,400
Mining	2,200	2,400	2,800	1,800	1,900	2,100	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,700	9,700	6,300	6,300	6,500	3,600	3,200	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,000	10,100	10,600	2,000	2,000	2,400	3,300	3,300	3,500
Trade	32,600	32,200	32,800	11,100	11,200	11,000	18,800	18,600	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est	5,500	5,600	5,800	2,300	2,300	2,200	3,500	3,500	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,300	27,000	28,200	8,100	8,100	8,000	12,600	12,200	11,400
Government	20,100	19,900	20,200	10,900	10,500	10,400	14,900	14,700	14,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION 2/			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
TOTAL	50,200	48,500	48,900	135,700	135,700	133,200	1,329.6	1,320.7	1,292.7
Manufacturing	3,600	3,500	3,600	12,500	12,700	13,100	232.8	232.2	232.4
Mining	1,100	1,200	1,300	7,300	7,400	8,300	24.3	24.5	23.7
Construction	3,000	2,800	2,900	11,000	10,900	10,000	84.4	83.5	81.6
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,500	1,500	7,700	7,700	7,600	85.3	84.3	81.4
Trade	10,800	10,900	10,600	34,200	34,400	33,400	354.6	353.2	343.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	1,900	2,000	6,900	6,900	6,800	128.2	125.6	123.5
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,300	7,200	28,100	28,000	26,700	279.8	277.3	272.4
Government	20,700	19,400	19,800	28,000	27,700	27,300	140.2	140.1	134.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	177,200	177,500	174,000	508,700	506,300	490,000	71,400	71,000	71,600
Manufacturing	34,800	35,000	35,600	117,100	116,500	111,500	10,000	9,800	10,600
Mining	400	400	300	4,300	4,400	4,600	700	700	800
Construction	8,800	8,800	8,900	31,700	31,700	31,900	2,700	3,100	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,600	9,700	27,400	27,300	25,500	5,500	5,200	5,900
Trade	44,300	44,400	42,600	136,500	137,300	131,600	13,300	13,400	13,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl Est.	9,300	9,300	9,000	27,700	27,900	27,100	4,600	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	33,900	33,800	31,400	102,100	100,200	97,700	12,500	12,400	12,300
Government	36,300	36,200	36,500	61,900	61,000	60,100	22,100	21,800	20,700

already facing problems in the sluggish energy sector, among "high-tech" industries, and along the Mexican border (due to continuing economic problems in Mexico); and plummeting crude oil prices have exacerbated these economic ills.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS COUNT HOLDS STEADY IN FEBRUARY

Only two of the eight major industry sectors recorded substantial employment growth between January and February; and seasonal cutbacks and economic layoffs in other industries nullified the increases shown by those two sectors, leaving the February nonfarm wage and salary employment level only 200 above January's. The largest downturn in February was in trade, as both wholesale and retail segments recorded sizeable losses. Some 13,000 jobs were deleted by employers in trade, as every sector except building materials and garden supplies deleted Christmas jobs following inventory-taking in January.

The loss of 7,700 jobs in mining was no surprise, following the abrupt slashing of the price of foreign oil. This was the sharpest over-the-month decline in employment in this category since the recession of 1982. This sector has lost over 25,000 jobs since last February, and is now 83,000 below its all-time high level of January 1982.

Despite interest rates which were the lowest in several years, construction employment dropped by 3,000 in February. Residential and office construction is

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Industry	Feb.'86*	Jan.'86**	Feb.'85**	Feb.'86*	Jan.'86**	Feb.'85**	Feb.'86*	Jan.'86**	Feb.'85**
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO 2/		
TOTAL	1,491.1	1,496.1	1,471.4	66,900	66,700	64,400	35,200	34,800	33,200
Manufacturing	169.1	169.6	174.4	8,600	8,600	8,500	1,700	1,800	1,600
Mining	88.9	90.7	92.2	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	101.3	101.8	105.5	3,800	3,800	3,600	1,500	1,400	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	100.3	101.0	100.0	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,800	3,700	3,700
Trade	375.3	378.5	376.1	16,000	16,100	15,800	10,500	10,500	10,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	112.1	112.3	106.5	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,600	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	352.4	352.1	336.7	13,100	12,900	12,000	5,900	5,900	5,400
Government	191.7	190.1	180.0	19,600	19,500	18,700	8,400	8,200	7,800
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	68,800	68,500	67,600	91,700	91,700	90,600	85,900	86,200	83,800
Manufacturing	16,100	16,000	15,700	6,900	7,300	8,500	11,900	12,300	11,600
Mining	4,500	4,500	4,700	400	500	600	1,500	1,500	1,600
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,500	4,600	4,500	3,800	4,500	4,500	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,500	3,700	4,700	4,600	4,700	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	17,600	17,700	17,100	27,900	28,100	26,400	26,400	26,900	25,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300	5,400	5,300	5,500	4,100	3,900	3,800
Services & Misc.	11,900	11,900	11,100	19,700	19,600	19,400	13,200	13,100	12,700
Government	8,200	8,100	8,500	22,100	21,800	21,700	21,700	21,400	21,300
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO 2/		
TOTAL	48,900	49,100	49,800	51,300	51,900	52,400	37,600	37,600	37,400
Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,800	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,800	5,700	5,700
Mining	10,900	11,100	12,000	8,700	8,900	9,200	800	800	900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,900	3,000	3,500	2,200	2,200	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,700	3,100	3,200	3,200
Trade	11,000	11,100	10,900	14,400	14,700	14,500	9,500	9,600	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,300	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	9,000	8,400	8,400	8,100	7,400	7,400	7,600
Government	6,400	6,200	5,900	7,400	7,400	7,300	6,900	6,800	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON 2/			TEXARKANA 2/		
TOTAL	486,100	483,400	474,900	37,100	37,200	36,900	45,100	45,100	44,600
Manufacturing	49,000	49,200	52,300	11,800	11,800	11,900	7,500	7,500	7,500
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,400	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	35,900	35,700	35,800	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,900	19,000	18,700	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	124,600	125,100	120,700	8,100	8,200	7,900	10,600	10,600	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,000	36,700	35,100	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	109,800	108,500	105,800	6,900	6,900	6,900	8,700	8,600	8,100
Government	107,700	106,000	103,100	5,000	5,000	4,900	12,400	12,500	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA 2/			WACO		
TOTAL	63,600	63,400	61,600	28,600	29,200	29,500	79,300	78,600	77,200
Manufacturing	11,400	11,300	12,100	3,100	3,100	3,200	16,900	16,700	15,800
Mining	2,700	2,700	3,200	3,000	3,000	3,200	200	100	200
Construction	2,800	2,900	2,700	2,000	2,100	2,300	4,600	4,500	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	2,900	1,400	1,600	1,600	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	17,400	17,500	16,600	8,000	8,300	8,000	18,600	18,700	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,100	3,800	1,500	1,600	1,600	4,700	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,200	12,200	5,300	5,300	5,500	18,700	18,600	17,900
Government	8,800	8,600	8,100	4,300	4,200	4,100	12,100	11,800	11,900
	WICHITA FALLS 2/								
TOTAL	52,100	52,000	50,900						
Manufacturing	8,500	8,300	8,500						
Mining	2,900	3,000	3,100						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700						
Trade	13,000	13,000	12,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,500						
Government	10,600	10,600	10,400						

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* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

3/ In Thousands.

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Industry	Feb. 1986*	Jan. 1986**	Feb. 1985**	Change From Jan. 1986	Change From Feb. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,704,400	6,704,200	6,582,900	200	121,500
Manufacturing	988,500	991,200	1,004,300	-2,700	-15,800
Durable Goods	579,800	581,900	592,400	-2,100	-12,600
Lumber & Wood Products	40,000	40,600	41,300	-600	-1,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,700	7,500	-100	100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,600	17,500	17,600	100	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,300	48,500	48,500	-200	-200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,900	23,100	22,700	-200	200
Primary Metal Industries	33,200	33,100	34,300	100	-1,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	81,300	81,300	82,600	0	-1,300
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	42,000	41,900	42,900	100	-900
Machinery, Except Electrical	127,000	128,800	139,900	-1,800	-12,900
Oil Field Machinery	36,400	37,200	41,700	-800	-5,300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	114,500	114,600	116,000	-100	-1,500
Transportation Equipment	81,800	81,500	76,200	300	5,600
Aircraft & Parts	43,800	43,300	39,900	500	3,900
Instruments & Related Products	23,400	23,400	23,500	0	-100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,700	12,600	12,500	100	200
Nondurable Goods	408,700	409,300	411,900	-600	-3,200
Food & Kindred Products	98,400	98,100	94,000	300	4,400
Meat Products	26,700	26,500	25,700	200	1,000
Dairy Products	5,200	5,200	5,200	0	0
Bakery Products	10,500	10,600	10,600	-100	-100
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,500	4,500	4,800	0	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	56,500	57,200	57,600	-700	-1,100
Paper & Allied Products	23,100	23,100	22,800	0	300
Printing & Publishing	76,300	75,800	73,300	500	3,000
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,400	38,000	36,600	400	1,800
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,600	76,700	78,400	-100	-1,800
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,200	32,400	39,100	-200	-6,900
Petroleum Refining	29,200	29,300	36,100	-100	-6,900
Leather & Leather Products	7,200	7,600	7,800	-400	-600
Other Nondurable Goods	33,900	33,900	34,100	0	-200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,715,900	5,713,000	5,578,600	2,900	137,300
Mining	241,200	248,900	266,700	-7,700	-25,500
Oil & Gas Extraction	233,100	240,700	258,300	-7,600	-25,200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	8,100	8,200	8,400	-100	-300
Construction	437,200	440,200	429,300	-3,000	7,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	380,200	381,600	379,500	-1,400	700
Railroad Transportation	22,500	22,500	24,400	0	-1,900
Transportation, Except Railroads	187,500	188,200	185,100	-700	2,400
Transportation by Air	47,700	48,100	43,600	-400	4,100
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	90,400	90,300	90,500	100	-100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,800	80,600	79,500	-800	300
Electric Services	45,800	45,800	44,900	0	900
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	27,700	28,400	-800	-1,500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,700,400	1,713,400	1,662,100	-13,000	38,300
Wholesale Trade	442,700	443,500	443,000	-800	-300
Retail Trade	1,257,700	1,269,900	1,219,100	-12,200	38,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	52,000	51,100	52,400	900	-400
General Merchandise Stores	160,700	165,700	152,200	-5,000	8,500
Food Stores	228,000	231,300	218,300	-3,300	9,700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	144,900	145,900	138,300	-1,000	6,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,900	84,300	81,700	-3,400	-800
Other Retail Trade	591,200	591,600	576,200	-400	15,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	445,100	444,900	435,000	200	10,100
Banking	105,900	106,300	106,800	-400	-900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	138,000	137,400	132,000	600	6,000
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	201,200	201,200	196,200	0	5,000
Services	1,366,300	1,354,800	1,309,900	11,500	56,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,700	83,200	82,800	2,500	2,900
Personal Services	83,400	82,300	79,400	1,100	4,000
Business & Repair Services	380,600	381,900	368,100	-1,300	12,500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	46,400	45,500	48,900	900	-2,500
Health Services	352,400	350,800	346,300	1,600	6,100
Educational Services	74,500	70,900	61,500	3,600	13,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	343,300	340,200	322,900	3,100	20,400
Total Government	1,145,500	1,120,200	1,096,100	25,300	49,400
Total Federal Government	191,200	189,800	182,000	1,400	9,200
Total State Government	241,700	232,700	237,000	9,000	4,700
Total Local Government	712,600	706,700	677,100	5,900	35,500

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Feb. '86*	Jan. '86**	Feb. '85**	Feb. '86*	Jan. '86**	Feb. '85**	Feb. '86*	Jan. '86**	Feb. '85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,900	55,000	55,700	97,000	97,900	98,600	410,400	410,700	395,600
Total Unemployment	4,200	3,100	3,000	7,100	5,800	5,800	22,100	18,000	13,100
Percent Unemployed	7.7	5.6	5.4	7.3	5.9	5.9	5.4	4.4	3.3
Total Employment 2/	50,700	51,900	52,700	89,900	92,100	92,800	388,300	392,700	382,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	160,900	158,200	171,300	77,800	77,500	79,100	92,000	88,400	90,300
Total Unemployment	25,200	20,000	23,200	8,600	6,900	6,400	17,200	12,100	14,200
Percent Unemployed	15.7	12.6	13.5	11.1	8.9	8.1	18.7	13.7	15.7
Total Employment 2/	135,700	138,200	148,100	69,200	70,600	72,700	74,800	76,300	76,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	54,800	56,500	164,100	162,700	163,500	1,340.8	1,342.5	1,335.5
Total Unemployment	3,500	2,600	2,600	19,100	15,300	15,900	77.7	62.6	59.3
Percent Unemployed	6.2	4.7	4.6	11.6	9.4	9.7	5.8	4.7	4.4
Total Employment 2/	52,800	52,200	53,900	145,000	147,400	147,600	1,263.1	1,279.9	1,276.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	207,600	206,000	211,000	618,700	618,700	608,700	104,100	102,700	106,100
Total Unemployment	25,000	19,100	24,800	38,900	30,300	28,700	12,900	10,100	11,400
Percent Unemployed	12.0	9.3	11.8	6.3	4.9	4.7	12.4	9.8	10.7
Total Employment 2/	182,600	186,900	186,200	579,800	588,400	580,000	91,200	92,600	94,700
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,612.0	1,612.1	1,625.1	82,900	83,200	81,600	43,000	41,000	42,700
Total Unemployment	154.2	120.1	126.0	6,600	5,600	5,200	7,600	5,000	7,100
Percent Unemployed	9.6	7.4	7.8	8.0	6.7	6.4	17.7	12.2	16.6
Total Employment 2/	1,457.8	1,492.0	1,499.1	76,300	77,600	76,400	35,400	36,000	35,600
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,200	78,700	79,000	106,900	107,000	108,100	140,200	136,600	141,700
Total Unemployment	9,500	7,500	7,400	7,900	6,300	6,300	31,800	25,300	30,800
Percent Unemployed	12.0	9.5	9.4	7.4	5.9	5.8	22.7	18.5	21.7
Total Employment 2/	69,700	71,200	71,600	99,000	100,700	101,800	108,400	111,300	110,900
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,000	51,000	52,900	60,000	60,000	61,700	43,200	43,300	44,200
Total Unemployment	4,000	2,800	2,700	5,600	3,800	3,800	2,700	2,000	2,100
Percent Unemployed	7.8	5.5	5.1	9.3	6.3	6.2	6.3	4.6	4.8
Total Employment 2/	47,000	48,200	50,200	54,400	56,200	57,900	40,500	41,300	42,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	542,500	545,100	544,500	45,000	45,200	46,000	55,400	55,500	56,400
Total Unemployment	37,600	32,400	32,000	3,300	2,600	3,400	5,500	4,700	5,300
Percent Unemployed	6.9	5.9	5.9	7.3	5.8	7.4	9.9	8.5	9.4
Total Employment 2/	504,900	512,700	512,500	41,700	42,600	42,600	49,900	50,800	51,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,400	74,200	73,400	36,400	36,700	37,800	86,700	87,000	86,900
Total Unemployment	6,500	5,100	4,400	3,300	2,500	2,300	6,300	5,400	5,300
Percent Unemployed	8.7	6.9	6.0	9.1	6.8	6.1	7.3	6.2	6.1
Total Employment 2/	67,900	69,100	69,000	33,100	34,200	35,500	80,400	81,600	81,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,500	55,500	56,000				7,901.3	7,883.6	7,906.1
Total Unemployment	4,500	3,300	3,700				692.7	542.6	558.1
Percent Unemployed	8.1	5.9	6.6				8.8	6.9	7.1
Total Employment 2/	51,000	52,200	52,300				7,208.6	7,341.0	7,348.0

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.± 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb.± 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb.± 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 386.24	$ 392.76	$ 379.96	40.7	41.3	40.9	$ 9.49	$ 9.51	$ 9.29
Durable Goods	385.11	391.98	379.96	41.1	41.7	41.3	9.37	9.40	9.20
Lumber & Wood Products	269.50	272.00	252.82	39.4	40.0	37.4	6.84	6.80	6.76
Furniture & Fixtures	244.22	241.49	233.31	40.5	38.7	38.5	6.03	6.24	6.06
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	366.37	381.05	372.65	42.8	43.9	44.1	8.56	8.68	8.45
Primary Metal Industries	414.61	417.64	411.26	39.6	39.7	40.8	10.47	10.52	10.08
Fabricated Metal Products	362.39	370.87	362.56	40.4	41.3	41.2	8.97	8.98	8.80
Machinery, exc. Electric	396.74	402.36	396.48	41.5	42.0	42.0	9.56	9.58	9.44
Oil Field Machinery	459.20	479.83	502.88	41.0	42.5	44.9	11.20	11.29	11.20
Electric & Electronic Equip.	421.84	428.57	404.77	42.1	42.9	41.6	10.02	9.99	9.73
Transportation Equipment	523.34	535.93	526.54	41.7	42.5	42.6	12.55	12.61	12.36
Instruments & Related Prod.	340.68	336.17	293.38	40.8	40.6	38.3	8.35	8.28	7.66
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	247.79	266.42	279.61	38.9	40.8	40.7	6.37	6.53	6.87
Nondurable Goods	386.00	393.72	379.22	40.0	40.8	40.3	9.65	9.65	9.41
Food & Kindred Products	317.16	342.27	319.19	40.3	42.1	40.2	7.87	8.13	7.94
Meat Products	265.16	285.91	252.88	39.4	41.8	38.2	6.73	6.84	6.62
Malt Beverages	764.10	800.70	728.84	45.7	47.1	46.1	16.72	17.00	15.81
Textile Mill Products	299.38	315.51	277.79	43.2	44.5	41.4	6.93	7.09	6.71
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	183.40	191.26	195.20	35.0	36.5	38.2	5.24	5.24	5.11
Paper & Allied Products	458.49	467.90	417.48	43.5	44.1	42.0	10.54	10.61	9.94
Printing & Publishing	370.67	358.70	357.24	39.1	38.2	39.3	9.48	9.39	9.09
Chemicals & Allied Products	613.28	617.02	614.38	42.5	42.7	42.4	14.43	14.45	14.49
Petroleum & Coal Products	641.51	654.03	569.25	42.4	43.0	41.4	15.13	15.21	13.75
Petroleum Refining	669.92	687.46	588.89	42.4	43.4	41.5	15.80	15.84	14.19
Leather & Leather Products	190.27	202.00	197.89	35.9	37.2	35.4	5.30	5.43	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	378.16	379.14	351.02	42.3	42.6	41.2	8.94	8.90	8.52
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	511.15	516.91	484.42	43.8	44.6	45.7	11.67	11.59	10.60
Oil & Gas Extraction	515.68	521.92	487.77	44.0	44.8	45.8	11.72	11.65	10.65
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	383.53	392.42	414.90	37.2	39.4	45.0	10.31	9.96	9.22
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	469.25	470.45	440.19	39.4	39.5	40.2	11.91	11.91	10.95
Elec., Gas & San. Services	449.62	452.34	444.21	39.2	39.3	40.2	11.47	11.51	11.05
Wholesale & Retail Trade	223.68	225.08	229.02	32.0	32.2	33.0	6.99	6.99	6.94
Wholesale Trade	373.35	375.65	367.75	39.3	39.5	39.5	9.50	9.51	9.31
Retail Trade	174.94	176.12	182.93	29.6	29.8	30.9	5.91	5.91	5.92
General Merchandise Stores	175.97	171.03	172.80	27.8	27.9	28.8	6.33	6.13	6.00
Banking	285.76	273.94	270.40	39.8	38.1	38.3	7.18	7.19	7.06

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 387.39	$ 390.83	$ 373.68	41.3	41.8	41.2	$ 9.38	$ 9.35	$ 9.07
Durable Goods	411.88	417.35	394.59	41.9	42.5	41.8	9.83	9.82	9.44
Nondurable Goods	343.76	344.73	337.31	40.3	40.7	40.3	8.53	8.47	8.37
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	394.48	396.26	379.04	41.7	41.8	41.2	9.46	9.48	9.20
Durable Goods	410.48	417.78	397.03	41.8	42.5	41.4	9.82	9.83	9.59
Nondurable Goods	355.26	342.05	335.37	41.6	40.1	40.7	8.54	8.53	8.24
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	461.89	468.86	465.72	41.8	41.9	42.3	11.05	11.19	11.01
Durable Goods	400.61	408.93	419.13	41.6	41.6	42.9	9.63	9.83	9.77
Nondurable Goods	544.77	549.48	528.64	42.1	42.3	41.3	12.94	12.99	12.80
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	291.40	301.58	276.41	41.1	41.2	39.6	7.09	7.32	6.98
Durable Goods	318.86	324.36	300.53	43.5	42.4	41.0	7.33	7.65	7.33
Nondurable Goods	265.39	279.20	253.16	38.8	40.0	38.3	6.84	6.98	6.61

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

slowing in many areas of Texas which have been overbuilt, and some special trades contractors also reported cutbacks in February. Employers in transportation and public utilities also deleted jobs, particularly in transportation, except railroads, and in electric, gas and sanitary services.

The beginning of the spring semester brought new hires in the educational sectors of both state and local government, while federal government increased more moderately as the Internal Revenue Service added workers in preparation for the tax season. Hiring at private schools and colleges also generated the largest portion of the over-the-month growth in services. Increases were fairly widespread in services, with the largest gains in hotels and other lodging places, in health services, and in personal services.

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Manufacturing employment continued its downward trend in February, with cutbacks in both durable and nondurable goods. Job losses were more common in durable goods, where 2,100 positions were deleted over the month. The largest decrease occurred in nonelectrical machinery, as oil field machinery dropped by 800 and further declines were also reported by electronic computing equipment makers. The other sizeable loss in durable goods was in lumber and wood products, which was down 600 in February.

Nondurable goods recorded moderate employment gains in food and kindred products and in printing and publishing, but these were more than offset by sizeable decreases in other sectors. Employment in apparel and other finished textile products dropped by 700 due in part to seasonal cutbacks. Layoffs and seasonal declines were also responsible for the loss of 400 jobs in leather and leather products in February.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DROP

In February, there were an estimated 647,400 manufacturing production workers in Texas, down 3,900 from the January level of 651,300. Declining factory output pushed both average weekly hours worked and average hourly earnings downward over the month. Average weekly hours declined by 0.6 hour to 40.7 hours, while average hourly earnings decreased by 2¢, to $9.49 in February. The effect of these combined losses was a drop of $6.52 in average weekly earnings. The decreases were widespread in both durable and nondurable goods, but the nondurable goods sector recorded a larger decline in average weekly hours while durable goods employers reported greater losses in average hourly earnings.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1985
Total Population	16,592,250	16,143,900*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	1.6
UI Covered Employers	314,029	307,054
Total Claims Actions	569,910	502,829
Total Initial Claims Actions	77,478	64,706
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	492,432	438,123
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$150.57	$138.83
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$68,870,676	$50,210,391
Total Placements	30,261	30,906

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**Regular State UI benefits

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Labor Market Review

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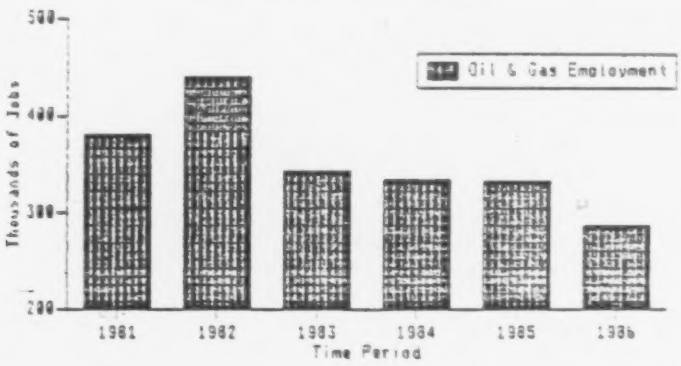
Number of Jobs in Oil and Gas Related Industries
State of Texas
Month of March 1981-1986



Includes jobs in oilfield machinery, petroleum refining and oil and gas extraction.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	116,310.0	115,726.0	114,393.0
Unemployment	8,667.0	9,041.0	8,625.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.8	7.5
Total Employment	107,643.0	106,685.0	105,768.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	117,207.0	117,088.0	115,335.0
Unemployment	8,419.0	8,527.0	8,384.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2	7.3	7.3
Total Employment	108,788.0	108,561.0	106,951.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,977.5	7,901.3	8,102.3
Unemployment	673.1	692.7	581.2
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.8	7.2
Total Employment	7,304.4	7,208.6	7,521.1
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,003.0	7,990.0	8,129.0
Unemployment	646.0	671.0	557.0
Percent Unemployed	8.1	8.4	6.9
Total Employment	7,357.0	7,319.0	7,572.0

UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES MODERATELY

Total unemployment in the State declined slightly between February and March 1986, but was still well above the year-ago level. The number of jobless Texans dropped by 19,600 in the actual series over the month, to 673,100 in mid-March, about 92,000 above the March 1985 total. The corresponding dip in the unemployment rate pushed the actual rate down from February's 8.8 percent to 8.4 percent in March. Although total employment increased during the month, the current level of 7,304,400 was still almost 217,000 below the March 1985 estimate. In both the actual and the seasonally adjusted series, rates for Texas were about a percentage point above those for the Nation as a whole.

The second consecutive month of a Statewide rate above 8.0 percent is evidence of very real and lasting economic problems in oil and gas-related industries following the abrupt plunge in foreign oil prices. In Texas, some 46,000 jobs in oil and gas have been deleted since March 1985 -- 19,600 of them between January and March. The chart shown above illustrates the decline of oil and gas-related employment in Texas.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,800	54,200	53,800	81,000	80,600	80,000	369,200	368,400	353,200
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,400	10,000	10,100	9,900	40,900	40,900	42,300
Mining	3,700	3,900	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,800	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,900	3,600	4,700	26,000	26,500	27,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,800	2,700	6,000	6,200	6,400	11,400	11,300	10,100
Trade	14,300	14,400	14,400	24,500	24,400	23,300	82,100	81,800	77,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,300	4,500	25,400	25,300	23,600
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,800	13,400	16,100	15,900	15,500	84,800	84,300	77,900
Government	8,200	8,200	8,200	14,600	14,600	13,900	97,500	97,200	93,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	132,000	132,200	138,600	59,100	58,800	59,600	65,500	64,900	64,700
Manufacturing	26,100	26,300	28,700	16,100	16,200	17,000	9,000	8,500	9,500
Mining	1,900	2,200	2,700	1,900	1,800	2,100	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,400	9,700	6,500	6,300	6,300	3,400	3,400	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,100	10,000	10,700	2,000	2,000	2,400	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trade	32,500	32,500	32,900	11,300	11,200	11,000	18,600	18,600	18,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,500	3,500	3,400
Services & Misc.	27,200	27,300	27,900	8,200	8,100	8,100	12,800	12,600	11,800
Government	20,100	20,000	20,200	10,800	10,900	10,400	14,800	14,900	14,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION 2/			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
TOTAL	50,100	50,200	49,300	135,700	135,900	135,200	1,343.6	1,332.7	1,304.9
Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,600	12,500	12,500	13,300	234.6	232.9	233.2
Mining	1,000	1,100	1,300	6,900	6,900	8,000	23.4	24.1	23.8
Construction	2,900	3,000	3,100	11,400	11,100	10,800	85.2	84.6	84.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,600	1,500	7,600	7,700	7,500	85.7	85.4	82.0
Trade	11,100	10,900	10,500	34,300	34,700	33,900	355.8	354.0	345.6
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,100	6,900	6,900	6,900	131.1	128.6	125.2
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,300	28,000	28,100	27,400	284.5	280.9	275.8
Government	20,700	20,700	19,900	28,100	28,000	27,400	143.3	142.2	135.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	177,200	177,200	175,400	511,400	507,700	494,700	72,300	71,400	71,800
Manufacturing	34,700	34,600	36,000	116,700	116,700	112,000	10,000	10,000	10,200
Mining	400	400	300	4,300	4,300	4,400	600	700	800
Construction	9,200	9,100	9,100	32,700	31,600	32,900	2,800	2,700	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,200	9,300	9,700	27,200	27,300	25,600	5,500	5,500	5,800
Trade	44,200	44,300	43,400	136,900	136,300	131,600	13,600	13,400	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,300	9,300	9,000	27,900	27,700	27,400	4,700	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	33,700	33,800	31,400	103,800	102,000	100,200	13,000	12,500	12,600
Government	36,500	36,400	36,500	61,900	61,800	60,600	22,100	22,000	21,000

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RECORDS SLUGGISH GROWTH

Nonfarm salaried employment increased by only 5,100 in March 1986, as sizeable decreases in mining, manufacturing, and transportation and utilities almost overwhelmed gains in other sectors. The month-to-month increase of 5,100 was only one-tenth the size of the growth between February and March 1985. Many of the job losses recorded this year are directly or indirectly tied to oil and gas.

Oil and gas extraction, the single largest industry affected by the downturn, cut 10,200 jobs over the month and is now 31,300 below its March 1985 level. Two manufacturing sectors have also been hurt by the curtailment of oil and gas activity -- oil field machinery and petroleum refining. Oil field machinery has suffered the greatest loss within manufacturing, declining by 2,600 between February and March and 8,300 over the past year. Although petroleum refining was unchanged over the past month, 6,400 positions have been cut during the last year.

The only other sizeable decrease that occurred in March was in transportation and public utilities, where declines in trucking and warehousing and in gas production and distribution pushed employment down by 2,200 jobs during the past year.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO 2/		
TOTAL	1,488.9	1,492.7	1,474.5	67,200	66,900	65,000	35,000	35,100	33,600
Manufacturing	167.5	168.9	173.7	8,800	8,700	8,500	1,700	1,700	1,700
Mining	86.8	89.9	91.5	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	100.6	100.8	106.3	3,700	3,600	3,800	1,500	1,500	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	100.4	100.4	100.2	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,800	3,800	3,600
Trade	372.4	375.0	376.9	16,100	16,000	15,900	10,400	10,500	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	112.0	112.2	106.2	3,000	2,900	2,800	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	356.4	353.7	339.6	13,100	13,200	12,300	5,900	5,900	5,400
Government	192.8	191.8	180.1	19,600	19,600	18,700	8,300	8,300	7,900
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	68,700	68,900	68,000	91,800	91,400	90,100	87,100	86,100	84,600
Manufacturing	16,200	16,200	15,800	7,100	6,900	8,300	11,900	11,800	11,700
Mining	4,500	4,500	4,600	400	400	600	1,300	1,400	1,600
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,600	4,600	4,400	4,000	4,600	4,500	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,700	3,900	4,500	4,700	4,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	17,700	17,600	17,400	27,700	27,600	26,100	27,500	26,800	26,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300	5,400	5,400	5,600	4,100	4,100	3,800
Services & Misc.	11,900	11,900	10,900	19,900	19,900	19,200	13,400	13,200	12,900
Government	8,100	8,200	8,500	22,200	22,100	21,700	21,700	21,700	21,300
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO 2/		
TOTAL	48,200	48,900	50,100	50,300	51,000	52,500	37,100	37,400	37,300
Manufacturing	3,700	3,800	3,900	4,900	5,100	5,200	5,700	5,700	5,600
Mining	10,500	10,800	11,900	8,000	8,400	9,000	700	800	900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,600	2,700	3,400	2,200	2,200	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,700	3,000	3,100	3,100
Trade	11,000	11,100	11,100	14,500	14,400	14,800	9,400	9,400	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,300	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	9,200	8,400	8,400	8,100	7,400	7,400	7,600
Government	6,300	6,400	5,900	7,500	7,500	7,300	6,800	6,900	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON 2/			TEXARKANA 2/		
TOTAL	488,000	485,600	478,800	37,600	37,200	37,200	45,600	45,100	45,100
Manufacturing	48,800	48,600	52,000	11,900	11,900	12,000	7,500	7,600	7,500
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,400	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	36,100	35,800	36,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	2,300	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,800	18,900	18,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	125,600	125,200	121,600	8,300	8,100	8,100	10,800	10,600	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,000	36,900	35,300	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	110,700	109,500	107,000	7,000	6,900	6,900	8,700	8,700	8,100
Government	107,800	107,500	104,000	5,000	5,000	4,900	12,400	12,400	12,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA 2/			WACO		
TOTAL	63,400	63,400	62,100	28,900	28,700	29,800	79,400	79,400	77,700
Manufacturing	11,400	11,400	12,200	3,200	3,200	3,100	16,800	16,900	16,000
Mining	2,500	2,600	3,200	2,900	3,000	3,200	200	200	200
Construction	2,900	2,800	2,900	2,000	2,000	2,400	4,600	4,600	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,600	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	17,300	17,300	16,900	8,100	7,900	8,100	18,700	18,600	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,100	3,800	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,700	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,300	12,200	5,400	5,300	5,500	18,800	18,800	18,200
Government	8,800	8,800	8,100	4,300	4,300	4,300	12,100	12,100	11,800
	WICHITA FALLS 2/								
TOTAL	51,900	52,100	51,100						
Manufacturing	8,600	8,500	8,600						
Mining	2,700	2,900	3,000						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700						
Trade	13,000	13,000	12,500						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,500						
Government	10,500	10,600	10,400						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

3/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Mar. 1986*	Feb. 1986**	Mar. 1985**	Change From Feb. 1986	Change From Mar. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,714,100	6,709,000	6,630,200	5,100	83,900
Manufacturing	985,000	988,600	1,006,800	-3,600	-21,800
Durable Goods	577,200	579,300	593,000	-2,100	-15,800
Lumber & Wood Products	40,800	40,800	41,600	0	-800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,600	7,500	100	200
Furniture & Fixtures	17,900	17,500	17,600	400	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,700	48,400	48,900	300	-200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,400	23,000	23,100	400	300
Primary Metal Industries	32,400	32,500	34,200	-100	-1,800
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,700	80,900	82,900	-200	-2,200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	42,000	41,900	42,900	100	-900
Machinery, Except Electrical	123,900	126,700	139,600	-2,800	-15,700
Oil Field Machinery	33,300	35,900	41,600	-2,600	-8,300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	115,000	114,500	115,600	500	-600
Transportation Equipment	82,100	81,900	77,000	200	5,100
Aircraft & Parts	44,300	43,800	40,200	500	4,100
Instruments & Related Products	23,400	23,400	23,400	0	0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,300	12,700	12,200	-400	100
Nondurable Goods	407,800	409,300	413,800	-1,500	-6,000
Food & Kindred Products	97,500	98,400	95,200	-900	2,300
Meat Products	26,400	26,600	25,800	-200	600
Dairy Products	5,300	5,200	5,300	100	0
Bakery Products	10,700	10,500	10,800	200	-100
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,700	4,500	4,800	200	-100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	55,400	56,700	57,600	-1,300	-2,200
Paper & Allied Products	23,000	22,900	22,700	100	300
Printing & Publishing	77,100	76,600	73,800	500	3,300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,900	38,800	36,900	100	2,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,500	76,800	78,800	-300	-2,300
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,200	32,300	38,800	-100	-6,600
Petroleum Refining	29,300	29,300	35,700	0	-6,400
Leather & Leather Products	7,200	7,200	7,900	0	-700
Other Nondurable Goods	34,200	33,900	34,200	300	0
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,729,100	5,720,400	5,623,400	8,700	105,700
Mining	233,200	243,200	264,700	-10,000	-31,500
Oil & Gas Extraction	225,000	235,200	256,300	-10,200	-31,300
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	8,200	8,000	8,400	200	-200
Construction	442,200	438,200	440,000	4,000	2,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	378,100	380,200	380,300	-2,100	-2,200
Railroad Transportation	22,300	22,300	24,300	0	-2,000
Transportation, Except Railroads	186,400	187,700	185,800	-1,300	600
Transportation by Air	48,400	48,400	43,800	0	4,600
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	90,400	90,500	90,400	-100	0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,000	79,700	79,800	-700	-800
Electric Services	45,500	45,700	45,000	-200	500
Gas Production & Distribution	26,300	26,900	28,500	-600	-2,200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,702,600	1,699,000	1,673,900	3,600	28,700
Wholesale Trade	441,500	442,200	446,000	-700	-4,500
Retail Trade	1,261,100	1,256,800	1,227,900	4,300	33,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	53,300	51,700	53,700	1,600	-400
General Merchandise Stores	159,200	158,900	152,500	300	6,700
Food Stores	227,200	228,600	218,200	-1,400	9,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	145,100	145,400	139,400	-300	5,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,500	81,400	82,400	100	-900
Other Retail Trade	594,800	590,800	581,700	4,000	13,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	448,100	446,400	438,000	1,700	10,100
Banking	105,800	106,000	107,000	-200	-1,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	139,000	138,000	132,700	1,000	6,300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	203,300	202,400	198,300	900	5,000
Services	1,372,700	1,362,900	1,329,800	9,800	42,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,300	85,500	84,600	800	1,700
Personal Services	82,900	82,600	80,100	300	2,800
Business & Repair Services	383,900	378,900	371,700	5,000	12,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	46,600	46,500	51,100	100	-4,500
Health Services	354,400	352,800	347,400	1,600	7,000
Educational Services	73,900	73,600	66,900	300	7,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	344,700	343,000	328,000	1,700	16,700
Total Government	1,152,200	1,150,500	1,096,700	1,700	55,500
Total Federal Government	190,700	191,100	182,800	-400	7,900
Total State Government	244,000	244,300	234,500	-300	9,500
Total Local Government	717,500	715,100	679,400	2,400	38,100

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,700	55,100	56,400	97,500	96,700	100,500	415,000	409,600	408,100
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,200	2,800	6,400	6,900	5,900	23,000	22,000	15,100
Percent Unemployed	8.3	7.6	5.0	6.6	7.1	5.9	5.5	5.4	3.7
Total Employment 2/	51,100	50,900	53,600	91,100	89,800	94,600	392,000	387,600	393,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	160,000	160,300	173,300	78,700	78,200	80,500	93,000	91,900	94,000
Total Unemployment	23,400	24,900	23,200	8,100	8,600	6,800	16,300	17,300	15,100
Percent Unemployed	14.6	15.5	13.4	10.3	11.0	8.4	17.5	18.8	16.1
Total Employment 2/	136,600	135,400	150,100	70,600	69,600	73,700	76,700	74,600	78,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,000	56,400	57,500	164,500	163,700	168,900	1,361.2	1,343.2	1,366.6
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,500	2,500	17,700	18,900	16,100	73.2	76.9	60.3
Percent Unemployed	6.1	6.2	4.3	10.8	11.5	9.5	5.4	5.7	4.4
Total Employment 2/	53,500	52,900	55,000	146,800	144,800	152,800	1,288.0	1,266.3	1,306.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	208,800	207,400	217,000	625,200	617,400	624,900	104,100	103,500	108,900
Total Unemployment	24,200	25,000	25,300	37,000	38,600	29,400	11,500	12,600	12,000
Percent Unemployed	11.6	12.1	11.7	5.9	6.3	4.7	11.0	12.2	11.0
Total Employment 2/	184,600	182,400	191,700	588,200	578,800	595,500	92,600	90,900	96,900
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,619.6	1,614.0	1,661.5	83,900	82,800	83,500	43,200	43,600	44,000
Total Unemployment	148.2	152.9	133.1	6,400	6,600	5,200	7,400	8,100	7,400
Percent Unemployed	9.2	9.5	8.0	7.6	8.0	6.2	17.1	18.6	16.8
Total Employment 2/	1,471.4	1,461.1	1,528.4	77,500	76,200	78,300	35,800	35,500	36,600
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,700	79,300	80,900	107,800	106,500	109,600	142,000	142,000	144,900
Total Unemployment	9,200	9,400	7,900	7,500	7,900	6,500	31,100	33,300	31,300
Percent Unemployed	11.5	11.9	9.8	7.0	7.4	5.9	21.9	23.5	21.6
Total Employment 2/	70,500	69,900	73,000	100,300	98,600	103,100	110,900	108,700	113,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,500	51,100	54,300	59,900	59,500	62,900	43,700	43,100	45,400
Total Unemployment	4,300	4,000	3,100	6,200	5,500	4,100	3,000	2,600	2,500
Percent Unemployed	8.3	7.8	5.7	10.4	9.2	6.5	6.9	6.0	5.5
Total Employment 2/	47,200	47,100	51,200	53,700	54,000	58,800	40,700	40,500	42,900
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	548,800	544,100	558,900	45,200	44,800	47,400	55,700	55,400	57,200
Total Unemployment	37,700	39,500	34,400	3,100	3,200	3,600	5,300	5,500	5,100
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.3	6.2	6.9	7.1	7.6	9.5	9.9	8.9
Total Employment 2/	511,100	504,600	524,500	42,100	41,600	43,800	50,400	49,900	52,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,800	74,400	75,200	36,800	36,300	38,900	87,800	86,900	88,800
Total Unemployment	6,100	6,500	4,700	3,400	3,200	2,500	6,200	6,300	5,200
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.7	6.3	9.2	8.8	6.4	7.1	7.2	5.9
Total Employment 2/	68,700	67,900	70,500	33,400	33,100	36,400	81,600	80,600	83,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,900	55,600	57,000				7,977.5	7,901.3	8,102.3
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,500	3,600				673.1	692.7	581.2
Percent Unemployed	8.1	8.1	6.3				8.4	8.8	7.2
Total Employment 2/	51,400	51,100	53,400				7,304.4	7,208.6	7,521.1

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.± 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar.± 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar.± 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 394.00	$ 386.24	$ 383.46	41.3	40.7	41.1	$ 9.54	$ 9.49	$ 9.33
Durable Goods	388.86	385.11	383.46	41.5	41.1	41.5	9.37	9.37	9.24
Lumber & Wood Products	273.76	265.67	255.74	40.2	39.3	38.0	6.81	6.76	6.73
Furniture & Fixtures	232.70	240.98	235.22	38.4	39.7	38.0	6.06	6.07	6.19
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	374.93	368.94	374.88	43.8	43.0	44.0	8.56	8.58	8.52
Primary Metal Industries	425.46	420.55	411.48	40.1	39.9	40.7	10.61	10.54	10.11
Fabricated Metal Products	363.94	362.88	372.12	40.8	40.5	42.0	8.92	8.96	8.86
Machinery, exc. Electric	407.69	396.61	398.16	41.9	41.4	42.0	9.73	9.58	9.48
Oil Field Machinery	462.48	456.34	503.53	41.0	40.6	44.6	11.28	11.24	11.29
Electric & Electronic Equip.	418.74	420.42	399.64	42.0	42.0	41.2	9.97	10.01	9.70
Transportation Equipment	518.67	524.17	536.49	42.1	41.8	43.3	12.32	12.54	12.39
Instruments & Related Prod.	349.83	348.53	301.09	41.4	41.1	38.9	8.45	8.48	7.74
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	251.02	249.46	272.95	39.1	39.1	39.5	6.42	6.38	6.91
Nondurable Goods	401.14	387.93	383.67	41.1	40.2	40.6	9.76	9.65	9.45
Food & Kindred Products	330.46	321.19	327.92	41.0	40.3	41.3	8.06	7.97	7.94
Meat Products	259.62	264.10	278.51	39.1	39.3	41.2	6.64	6.72	6.76
Malt Beverages	798.72	768.67	759.78	46.6	45.7	46.9	17.14	16.82	16.20
Textile Mill Products	302.45	299.38	275.56	42.9	43.2	41.5	7.05	6.93	6.64
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	191.42	186.19	190.55	36.6	35.6	37.0	5.23	5.23	5.15
Paper & Allied Products	470.02	467.97	424.03	44.3	43.9	41.9	10.61	10.66	10.12
Printing & Publishing	387.60	367.22	362.18	40.8	38.9	39.8	9.50	9.44	9.10
Chemicals & Allied Products	621.03	605.15	614.38	42.8	42.2	42.4	14.51	14.34	14.49
Petroleum & Coal Products	688.84	651.02	583.93	44.1	43.0	42.1	15.62	15.14	13.87
Petroleum Refining	722.09	681.41	603.71	44.3	43.1	42.1	16.30	15.81	14.34
Leather & Leather Products	200.32	199.21	209.22	35.9	35.7	36.9	5.58	5.58	5.67
Other Nondurable Goods	384.42	377.74	358.26	43.0	42.3	42.0	8.94	8.93	8.53
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	520.08	520.37	484.02	44.3	44.4	44.9	11.74	11.72	10.78
Oil & Gas Extraction	526.73	526.12	487.61	44.6	44.7	44.9	11.81	11.77	10.86
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	388.55	380.44	390.28	38.7	36.9	44.0	10.04	10.31	8.87
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	478.76	476.80	444.09	40.3	40.0	39.3	11.88	11.92	11.30
Elec., Gas & San. Services	459.78	450.38	431.67	39.5	39.3	38.1	11.64	11.46	11.33
Wholesale & Retail Trade	226.10	224.00	231.74	32.3	32.0	33.2	7.00	7.00	6.98
Wholesale Trade	379.69	376.27	371.59	39.8	39.4	39.7	9.54	9.55	9.36
Retail Trade	177.30	174.34	185.05	30.0	29.6	31.1	5.91	5.89	5.95
General Merchandise Stores	183.33	173.19	180.90	28.6	27.8	29.9	6.41	6.23	6.05
Banking	285.91	285.91	268.80	39.6	39.6	38.4	7.22	7.22	7.00

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 390.83	$ 386.98	$ 376.48	41.8	41.3	41.6	$ 9.35	$ 9.37	$ 9.05
Durable Goods	414.40	409.91	394.90	42.2	41.7	41.7	9.82	9.83	9.47
Nondurable Goods	348.94	345.91	342.79	41.1	40.6	41.4	8.49	8.52	8.28
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	395.41	393.01	385.95	42.2	41.5	41.5	9.37	9.47	9.30
Durable Goods	410.86	408.36	407.82	42.4	41.5	42.0	9.69	9.84	9.71
Nondurable Goods	355.68	354.00	334.53	41.6	41.5	40.5	8.55	8.53	8.26
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	470.12	464.54	469.26	41.9	41.7	42.2	11.22	11.14	11.12
Durable Goods	399.75	404.89	415.95	41.0	41.4	42.1	9.75	9.78	9.88
Nondurable Goods	564.19	545.20	544.42	43.2	42.1	42.4	13.06	12.95	12.84
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	298.16	297.43	280.19	40.9	40.8	39.8	7.29	7.29	7.04
Durable Goods	318.59	328.02	305.29	41.7	42.6	41.2	7.64	7.70	7.41
Nondurable Goods	278.29	267.54	254.98	40.1	39.0	38.4	6.94	6.86	6.64

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Over 20,000 new jobs were created by various nonmanufacturing sectors in March, but the large losses related to oil and gas nullified much of this growth, holding the nonmanufacturing net gain to 8,700.

Services created almost 10,000 new jobs over the month, as every sector recorded some growth. The largest gains were in business and repair services, where cleaning and maintenance firms, personnel supply agencies, and protective services added substantial numbers of workers. For the first time since July 1985, construction employment rose in March, as 4,000 jobs were created. Employment in retail trade increased by 3,600, as the other retail trade sector recorded sizeable gains among eating and drinking places, and building materials and garden supplies advanced as outdoor activities accelerated. Smaller gains were noted in finance, insurance and real estate, as insurance carriers, agents and brokers added workers, and in the local sector of government.

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Both sectors of manufacturing lost employment between February and March, with the largest downturns reported in durable goods. Aside from the large decline in oil field machinery, there were smaller losses in miscellaneous durable goods and in primary and fabricated metal industries. Moderate increases were recorded in electric and electronic equipment, in furniture and fixtures, and in stone, clay and glass products.

In nondurable goods, temporary seasonal layoffs dropped employment in apparel and other textile products by 1,300 in March and were also responsible for the deletion of 900 jobs in food and kindred products. The only sizeable increase in nondurable goods occurred in printing and publishing, which gained 500 jobs over the month. Other gains and losses within nondurable goods were insignificant.

HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas dropped by 2,600 between February and March, to an estimated 646,200. The average production worker in March worked a 41.3-hour week at $9.54 an hour, earning an average of $394.00 per week. Average weekly hours worked rose 0.6 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings rose by 5¢, pushing the average weekly earnings up by $7.76. Much of the increase in both hours worked and hourly earnings occurred in nondurable goods industries, as several sectors reported more overtime worked at premium pay. Most durable goods segments remained more or less unchanged over the month.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1985
Total Population	16,624,000	16,166,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.1	1.7
UI Covered Employers	313,024	306,653
Total Claims Actions	683,979	513,792
Total Initial Claims Actions	85,162	63,786
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	598,817	450,006
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$153.60	$139.73
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$78,337,934	$53,604,438
Total Placements	29,925	38,596

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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Labor Market Review

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UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS HIGH

The Texas actual unemployment rate inched downward from 8.4 percent in March to 8.2 percent in April. This represented the highest rate recorded in April for any year since 1970. Total unemployment in the actual series declined by only 20,900 over the month, to 652,200 in mid-April. There were close to 150,000 more jobless Texans in April 1986 than there were in April 1985, and the rate was up almost two full percentage points. Employment totaled 7,329,900 in the actual series, about the same level it reached in February 1985 -- some 300,000 below its 1985 peak of 7,629,700 in July.

The seasonally adjusted series attempts to remove seasonal fluctuations that may mask underlying economic conditions. In this series, unemployment rose by 39,000 between March and April, pushing the rate up from 8.1 percent to 8.5 percent, while employment declined moderately. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate edged downward from 7.2 percent to 7.1 percent over the month, while the actual rate declined from 7.5 percent to 7.0 percent in April.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	116,316.0	116,310.0	114,325.0
Unemployment	8,115.0	8,667.0	8,150.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.5	7.1
Total Employment	108,201.0	107,643.0	106,175.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	117,234.0	117,207.0	115,256.0
Unemployment	8,342.0	8,419.0	8,384.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.2	7.3
Total Employment	108,892.0	108,788.0	106,872.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,982.1	7,977.5	8,002.4
Unemployment	652.2	673.1	504.7
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.4	6.3
Total Employment	7,329.9	7,304.4	7,497.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,027.0	8,003.0	8,047.0
Unemployment	685.0	646.0	537.0
Percent Unemployed	8.5	8.1	6.7
Total Employment	7,342.0	7,357.0	7,510.0

WAGE AND SALARY JOBS DECLINE

Statewide nonagricultural wage and salary employment was reduced by 16,100 jobs over the past month, totaling 6,702,400 in mid-April. The count of nonfarm salaried jobs was only 38,000 above its year-ago level -- proof that the State's economy has eroded substantially during 1986 due to the oil and gas crisis. Downturns were common in April not only in mining (oil and gas extraction), but also in construction, government, transportation and utilities, and in manufacturing.

Another 12,700 jobs were deleted over the month in mining, as the price of foreign oil remained extremely low, suppressing demand for domestic products. Over 40,000 jobs have now been lost since April 1985, and the current level is 103,000 below the peak level for this industry, reached in January 1982.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr.'86*	Mar.'86**	Apr.'85**	Apr.'86*	Mar.'86**	Apr.'85**	Apr.'86*	Mar.'86**	Apr.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,600	53,800	53,900	80,600	81,100	80,900	368,400	368,500	357,500
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,400	9,800	10,100	9,800	40,700	40,900	42,100
Mining	3,500	3,700	4,100	1,500	1,500	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	3,700	3,800	4,500	25,800	25,800	27,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,700	6,000	6,000	6,500	11,400	11,500	10,200
Trade	14,400	14,300	14,200	24,400	24,500	23,700	82,100	82,200	79,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,500	4,400	4,600	25,700	25,300	23,900
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,800	13,700	16,400	16,100	15,900	84,800	84,600	79,300
Government	8,100	8,200	8,200	14,300	14,700	14,000	96,800	97,100	93,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	131,800	131,900	138,300	58,600	58,700	59,500	65,500	65,500	64,700
Manufacturing	25,900	26,100	28,600	15,800	15,900	17,000	8,800	9,000	9,500
Mining	1,900	2,000	2,600	1,800	1,900	2,000	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,600	9,700	6,300	6,400	6,200	3,200	3,300	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,800	10,000	10,500	2,100	2,000	2,200	3,300	3,300	3,500
Trade	32,600	32,400	33,100	11,300	11,200	11,300	18,600	18,600	18,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,500	3,500	3,400
Services & Misc.	27,400	27,200	27,900	8,200	8,200	8,100	13,100	12,900	12,300
Government	20,100	20,100	20,100	10,800	10,800	10,400	14,900	14,800	14,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION 2/			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
TOTAL	50,200	50,400	48,900	135,600	135,700	135,800	1,344.3	1,346.4	1,308.2
Manufacturing	3,300	3,500	3,500	12,400	12,500	13,300	233.4	234.7	232.3
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,200	6,600	6,700	8,000	23.4	23.3	23.9
Construction	3,000	3,000	2,900	11,400	11,300	11,200	83.9	84.8	85.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500	7,700	7,700	7,400	86.1	85.7	82.7
Trade	11,300	11,100	10,500	34,500	34,600	34,100	355.6	357.6	345.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,100	7,000	6,900	7,000	131.5	131.0	125.5
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,700	7,300	28,000	28,000	27,400	287.4	286.0	277.2
Government	20,600	20,700	19,900	28,000	28,000	27,400	143.0	143.3	135.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	178,600	178,200	176,800	514,500	511,100	501,100	72,300	72,000	72,400
Manufacturing	34,700	34,600	36,200	116,700	116,900	113,200	9,900	10,100	10,500
Mining	400	400	300	4,000	4,200	4,500	600	600	800
Construction	9,100	9,200	9,100	33,500	32,800	33,900	2,900	2,800	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,400	9,600	27,700	27,300	26,200	5,400	5,500	5,700
Trade	45,200	45,000	43,900	137,500	136,700	133,600	13,700	13,500	13,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,300	9,300	9,000	28,300	27,900	27,500	4,700	4,700	4,500
Services & Misc.	34,400	34,000	32,200	104,800	103,500	100,700	13,100	12,700	12,800
Government	36,100	36,300	36,500	62,000	61,800	61,500	22,000	22,100	20,900

The reluctance of some lending institutions to commit money at lower interest rates to long-term financing has hurt the construction industry, which dropped by 3,500 in April. From its highest employment level in July 1985, construction has now declined by 20,900. Since many metropolitan areas have been over-built, both in housing and office space, prospects for this sector in the near future do not look promising.

State government lost 900 jobs in April; and federal government also posted moderate declines over the month. Local government remained basically unchanged, leaving government as a whole down 1,300 in April. A moderate increase in transportation, except railroads, was more than offset by equal-sized losses in communication and in electric, gas and sanitary services, pushing employment in transportation and public utilities down 400 from the March level.

The largest number of new hires occurred in the retail portion of trade, where food stores gained 4,200 positions over the month. Smaller growth occurred in general merchandise stores and in the other retail trade sector, which includes eating and drinking places. There were moderate decreases in automotive dealers and service

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr.'86*	Mar.'86**	Apr.'85**	Apr.'86*	Mar.'86**	Apr.'85**	Apr.'86*	Mar.'86**	Apr.'85**
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO 2/		
TOTAL	1,488.4	1,491.8	1,480.1	68,200	67,500	65,800	34,900	35,100	34,300
Manufacturing	166.1	167.7	173.9	8,900	8,900	8,500	1,700	1,700	1,800
Mining	85.6	87.5	91.7	100	100	100	1,700	1,800	2,000
Construction	100.2	100.5	107.0	3,900	3,700	3,900	1,400	1,500	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	100.1	100.0	99.4	2,800	2,800	3,000	3,700	3,800	3,700
Trade	371.7	373.9	377.0	16,400	16,100	16,000	10,500	10,300	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	114.2	112.4	107.7	3,000	3,000	2,900	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	357.5	356.8	342.6	13,300	13,200	12,200	5,900	5,900	5,600
Government	193.0	193.0	180.8	19,800	19,700	19,200	8,400	8,500	7,900
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	68,300	68,800	68,700	92,000	91,700	91,000	87,000	86,800	84,700
Manufacturing	16,000	16,200	16,100	7,100	7,100	8,400	11,900	11,700	11,500
Mining	4,400	4,600	4,700	400	400	500	1,300	1,300	1,600
Construction	3,300	3,300	3,500	4,600	4,600	4,300	4,500	4,500	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,700	4,400	4,500	4,500	2,600	2,600	2,700
Trade	17,500	17,700	17,400	27,700	27,600	26,800	27,500	27,300	25,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300	5,400	5,400	5,600	4,100	4,100	3,900
Services & Misc.	11,900	11,900	11,600	20,100	19,900	19,500	13,200	13,500	12,900
Government	8,200	8,100	8,400	22,300	22,200	21,400	21,900	21,800	21,700
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO 2/		
TOTAL	47,400	48,200	49,800	49,400	50,200	52,200	37,000	37,100	37,600
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,800	4,700	4,800	5,200	5,600	5,700	5,600
Mining	9,700	10,400	11,600	7,500	8,000	9,000	700	700	900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,600	2,600	3,400	2,300	2,200	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,600	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	11,000	11,000	11,100	14,400	14,600	14,800	9,300	9,400	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,300	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,900	9,100	8,300	8,300	8,000	7,500	7,400	7,700
Government	6,400	6,400	6,100	7,500	7,500	7,300	6,700	6,800	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON 2/			TEXARKANA 2/		
TOTAL	487,700	488,200	481,100	37,200	37,400	37,400	45,300	45,000	45,600
Manufacturing	48,500	48,900	51,800	11,600	11,800	12,100	7,200	7,200	7,500
Mining	3,000	3,200	3,300	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	35,900	36,300	36,900	1,700	1,700	1,700	2,100	2,200	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,700	18,800	19,100	1,900	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trade	125,500	125,800	122,500	8,300	8,300	8,100	10,900	10,700	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,900	36,900	35,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	111,600	110,600	108,200	7,000	7,000	6,900	8,800	8,700	8,500
Government	107,600	107,700	103,900	5,000	5,000	4,900	12,400	12,400	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA 2/			WACO		
TOTAL	63,600	63,400	63,100	28,300	28,900	30,100	78,900	79,500	78,200
Manufacturing	11,500	11,400	12,200	3,300	3,200	3,200	16,100	16,800	16,300
Mining	2,300	2,500	3,000	2,500	2,900	3,200	200	200	200
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,800	2,000	2,600	4,700	4,700	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,600	3,500	3,500	3,400
Trade	17,400	17,300	16,900	7,900	8,100	8,000	18,700	18,700	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,100	3,900	1,500	1,500	1,700	4,700	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,200	12,800	5,400	5,400	5,500	18,900	18,800	18,300
Government	8,900	8,900	8,400	4,400	4,300	4,300	12,100	12,100	11,900
	WICHITA FALLS 2/								
TOTAL	51,700	51,800	51,700						
Manufacturing	8,500	8,500	8,700						
Mining	2,600	2,700	2,900						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	13,000	13,000	12,600						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,700						
Government	10,500	10,500	10,500						

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* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

3/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Apr. 1986*	Mar. 1986**	Apr. 1985**	Change From Mar. 1986	Change From Apr. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,702,400	6,718,500	6,664,400	-16,100	38,000
Manufacturing	981,900	985,500	1,004,100	-3,600	-22,200
Durable Goods	574,800	578,000	592,200	-3,200	-17,400
Lumber & Wood Products	40,700	40,700	41,700	0	-1,000
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,700	17,800	17,600	-100	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,600	48,700	49,200	-100	-600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,100	23,300	23,500	-200	-400
Primary Metal Industries	32,000	32,300	33,400	-300	-1,400
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,100	80,700	82,600	-600	-2,500
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	41,600	42,100	42,600	-500	-1,000
Machinery, Except Electrical	122,900	124,300	138,700	-1,400	-15,800
Oil Field Machinery	33,100	33,900	41,300	-800	-8,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	115,500	114,900	114,800	600	700
Transportation Equipment	82,000	82,900	78,100	-900	3,900
Aircraft & Parts	44,300	44,300	40,500	0	3,800
Instruments & Related Products	22,900	23,300	23,600	-400	-700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,400	12,400	12,500	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	407,100	407,500	411,900	-400	-4,800
Food & Kindred Products	96,800	97,300	93,600	-500	3,200
Meat Products	26,400	26,400	25,500	0	900
Dairy Products	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	-100
Bakery Products	10,700	10,700	10,700	0	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,000	3,100	100	0
Textile Mill Products	4,500	4,700	4,900	-200	-400
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	56,900	55,200	57,600	1,700	-700
Paper & Allied Products	23,000	23,000	22,600	0	400
Printing & Publishing	76,900	77,300	74,000	-400	2,900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	39,000	39,000	36,900	0	2,100
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,100	76,500	78,500	-400	-2,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,100	32,200	38,600	-100	-6,500
Petroleum Refining	29,200	29,300	35,500	-100	-6,300
Leather & Leather Products	7,100	7,200	7,800	-100	-700
Other Nondurable Goods	33,700	34,100	34,300	-400	-600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,720,500	5,733,000	5,660,300	-12,500	60,200
Mining	221,200	233,900	262,000	-12,700	-40,800
Oil & Gas Extraction	213,200	225,700	253,700	-12,500	-40,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	8,000	8,200	8,300	-200	-300
Construction	439,600	443,100	444,900	-3,500	-5,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	377,600	378,000	382,600	-400	-5,000
Railroad Transportation	22,400	22,400	24,400	0	-2,000
Transportation, Except Railroads	187,000	186,600	187,300	400	-300
Transportation by Air	48,400	48,300	44,700	100	3,700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	89,600	90,000	91,000	-400	-1,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,600	79,000	79,900	-400	-1,300
Electric Services	45,600	45,600	45,100	0	500
Gas Production & Distribution	25,600	26,100	28,500	-500	-2,900
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,707,500	1,705,300	1,687,300	2,200	20,200
Wholesale Trade	439,700	441,800	447,200	-2,100	-7,500
Retail Trade	1,267,800	1,263,500	1,240,100	4,300	27,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	53,100	53,400	55,400	-300	-2,300
General Merchandise Stores	160,100	159,700	153,300	400	6,800
Food Stores	230,300	226,100	219,800	4,200	10,500
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	145,100	145,600	141,200	-500	3,900
Apparel & Accessory Stores	82,000	82,100	83,300	-100	-1,300
Other Retail Trade	597,200	596,600	587,100	600	10,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	449,900	448,600	441,100	1,300	8,800
Banking	105,800	105,900	107,100	-100	-1,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	140,100	139,100	132,600	1,000	7,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	204,000	203,600	201,400	400	2,600
Services	1,373,600	1,371,700	1,339,600	1,900	34,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	87,200	86,600	86,900	600	300
Personal Services	83,500	83,100	81,200	400	2,300
Business & Repair Services	378,500	381,900	371,800	-3,400	6,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	47,600	46,800	53,900	800	-6,300
Health Services	355,400	354,200	348,000	1,200	7,400
Educational Services	74,400	73,700	64,600	700	9,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	347,000	345,400	333,200	1,600	13,800
Total Government	1,151,100	1,152,400	1,102,800	-1,300	48,300
Total Federal Government	190,200	190,700	186,400	-500	3,800
Total State Government	242,700	243,600	239,700	-900	3,000
Total Local Government	718,200	718,100	676,700	100	41,500

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Apr.'86*	Mar.'86**	Apr.'85**	Apr.'86*	Mar.'86**	Apr.'85**	Apr.'86*	Mar.'86**	Apr.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,400	55,800	56,000	97,500	97,700	99,800	410,600	413,000	407,900
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,600	2,700	6,100	6,400	5,200	19,700	22,800	13,100
Percent Unemployed	7.9	8.2	4.8	6.3	6.6	5.2	4.8	5.5	3.2
Total Employment 2/	51,000	51,200	53,300	91,400	91,300	94,600	390,900	390,200	394,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,400	159,800	170,000	78,400	78,400	79,400	90,800	93,200	91,700
Total Unemployment	22,600	23,300	21,100	7,900	8,100	6,100	13,500	16,300	12,900
Percent Unemployed.	14.2	14.6	12.4	10.1	10.3	7.7	14.9	17.5	14.1
Total Employment 2/	136,800	136,500	148,900	70,500	70,300	73,300	77,300	76,900	78,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,500	57,400	56,500	165,400	164,300	166,000	1,360.6	1,362.8	1,349.0
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,500	2,200	17,900	17,700	13,800	71.3	73.3	52.8
Percent Unemployed	5.7	6.1	3.9	10.8	10.8	8.3	5.2	5.4	3.9
Total Employment 2/	53,300	53,900	54,300	147,500	146,600	152,200	1,289.3	1,289.5	1,296.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	208,700	209,300	213,400	635,900	623,900	623,500	104,300	103,700	107,600
Total Unemployment	23,000	24,200	22,300	43,800	36,900	27,300	11,100	11,500	10,300
Percent Unemployed	11.0	11.6	10.4	6.9	5.9	4.4	10.6	11.1	9.6
Total Employment 2/	185,700	185,100	191,100	592,100	587,000	596,200	93,200	92,200	97,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,619.8	1,623.3	1,637.5	84,500	84,100	83,600	42,600	43,500	42,800
Total Unemployment	145.6	148.2	118.5	5,900	6,400	5,000	6,700	7,600	6,100
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.1	7.2	7.0	7.6	6.0	15.7	17.5	14.3
Total Employment 2/	1,474.2	1,475.1	1,519.0	78,600	77,700	78,600	35,900	35,900	36,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,900	79,700	80,700	107,300	107,500	108,200	136,200	142,200	138,800
Total Unemployment	9,400	9,100	7,200	7,100	7,500	5,700	24,100	31,500	25,000
Percent Unemployed	11.8	11.4	8.9	6.6	7.0	5.3	17.7	22.2	18.0
Total Employment 2/	70,500	70,600	73,500	100,200	100,000	102,500	112,100	110,700	113,800
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,300	51,400	53,000	59,400	59,800	61,900	43,400	43,800	44,600
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,300	2,600	6,800	6,200	3,800	2,800	3,000	2,100
Percent Unemployed	9.0	8.4	4.9	11.4	10.4	6.1	6.5	6.8	4.7
Total Employment 2/	46,700	47,100	50,400	52,600	53,600	58,100	40,600	40,800	42,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	546,900	548,100	548,900	44,900	45,000	46,400	55,100	55,000	56,900
Total Unemployment	35,000	37,600	27,300	2,800	3,100	3,000	5,000	5,300	4,500
Percent Unemployed	6.4	6.9	5.0	6.2	6.9	6.5	9.1	9.6	7.9
Total Employment 2/	511,900	510,500	521,600	42,100	41,900	43,400	50,100	49,700	52,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,800	75,000	74,400	36,100	36,800	38,500	87,800	87,800	87,900
Total Unemployment	5,700	6,100	4,000	3,500	3,400	2,200	6,400	6,200	4,500
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.1	5.4	9.7	9.2	5.7	7.3	7.1	5.1
Total Employment 2/	69,100	68,900	70,400	32,600	33,400	36,300	81,400	81,600	83,400
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,700	55,800	56,300				7,982.1	7,977.5	8,002.4
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,500	3,000				652.2	673.1	504.7
Percent Unemployed	7.9	8.1	5.3				8.2	8.4	6.3
Total Employment 2/	51,300	51,300	53,300				7,329.9	7,304.4	7,497.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.± 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr.± 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr.± 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 389.91	$ 396.61	$ 382.45	41.0	41.4	40.6	$ 9.51	$ 9.58	$ 9.42
Durable Goods	384.70	391.76	380.28	41.1	41.5	41.2	9.36	9.44	9.23
Lumber & Wood Products	269.45	270.68	253.37	39.8	40.1	38.1	6.77	6.75	6.65
Furniture & Fixtures	230.49	236.07	229.40	37.6	38.7	37.3	6.13	6.10	6.15
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	385.38	381.42	384.93	44.1	44.3	44.5	8.75	8.61	8.65
Primary Metal Industries	424.27	428.53	413.51	39.8	40.2	40.7	10.66	10.66	10.16
Fabricated Metal Products	355.41	362.88	369.09	39.8	40.5	41.8	8.93	8.96	8.83
Machinery, exc. Electric	393.46	405.88	392.76	41.2	41.8	41.3	9.55	9.71	9.51
Oil Field Machinery	425.63	455.31	493.44	37.7	40.4	43.9	11.29	11.27	11.24
Electric & Electronic Equip.	421.03	442.23	386.88	42.4	42.4	40.3	9.93	10.43	9.60
Transportation Equipment	514.19	511.21	535.99	41.5	41.8	43.4	12.39	12.23	12.35
Instruments & Related Prod.	350.96	354.80	301.84	41.0	41.4	38.5	8.56	8.57	7.84
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	250.98	252.20	265.88	39.4	39.1	39.1	6.37	6.45	6.80
Nondurable Goods	397.55	402.11	385.26	40.9	41.2	39.8	9.72	9.76	9.68
Food & Kindred Products	339.04	335.77	327.13	41.6	41.3	41.2	8.15	8.13	7.94
Meat Products	270.82	260.02	264.40	40.3	39.1	40.0	6.72	6.65	6.61
Malt Beverages	799.20	798.72	730.24	47.6	46.6	44.8	16.79	17.14	16.30
Textile Mill Products	302.06	302.02	277.28	43.4	42.9	41.2	6.96	7.04	6.73
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	191.63	189.59	180.79	36.5	36.6	34.7	5.25	5.18	5.21
Paper & Allied Products	447.88	465.15	419.42	42.9	44.3	41.9	10.44	10.50	10.01
Printing & Publishing	377.94	386.65	362.69	39.7	40.7	39.9	9.52	9.50	9.09
Chemicals & Allied Products	628.23	622.74	624.33	43.0	42.8	42.5	14.61	14.55	14.69
Petroleum & Coal Products	643.71	696.31	609.22	42.8	45.6	38.1	15.04	15.27	15.99
Petroleum Refining	669.82	727.76	634.07	42.8	45.8	37.9	15.65	15.89	16.73
Leather & Leather Products	202.61	198.55	205.62	37.8	36.7	36.2	5.36	5.41	5.68
Other Nondurable Goods	377.50	381.27	360.36	42.8	42.6	42.0	8.82	8.95	8.58
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	500.87	526.73	482.24	42.7	44.6	43.8	11.73	11.81	11.01
Oil & Gas Extraction	505.47	533.41	483.32	42.8	44.9	43.7	11.81	11.88	11.06
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	399.78	396.24	467.47	39.7	39.0	46.7	10.07	10.16	10.01
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	471.24	467.28	444.21	39.7	39.4	39.0	11.87	11.86	11.39
Elec., Gas & San. Services	466.16	460.15	445.04	40.5	39.6	39.7	11.51	11.62	11.21
Wholesale & Retail Trade	226.10	226.10	228.57	32.3	32.3	32.7	7.00	7.00	6.99
Wholesale Trade	377.94	382.24	371.45	39.7	39.9	39.6	9.52	9.58	9.38
Retail Trade	177.61	175.52	180.88	29.9	29.8	30.4	5.94	5.89	5.95
General Merchandise Stores	185.83	180.00	180.58	28.9	28.8	29.7	6.43	6.25	6.08
Banking	274.94	285.12	268.10	38.4	39.6	38.3	7.16	7.20	7.00

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 389.48	$ 397.95	$ 369.49	41.7	42.2	41.1	$ 9.34	$ 9.43	$ 8.99
Durable Goods	408.94	419.47	387.57	41.9	42.2	41.1	9.76	9.94	9.43
Nondurable Goods	355.63	358.26	337.84	41.4	42.0	41.1	8.59	8.53	8.22
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	393.30	397.00	386.26	41.4	42.1	41.4	9.50	9.43	9.33
Durable Goods	410.02	411.87	405.32	41.5	42.2	41.7	9.88	9.76	9.72
Nondurable Goods	350.17	358.64	339.44	41.1	41.8	40.7	8.52	8.58	8.34
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	461.34	475.03	469.45	41.6	42.3	42.6	11.09	11.23	11.02
Durable Goods	395.76	409.61	419.01	40.8	41.5	42.8	9.70	9.87	9.79
Nondurable Goods	546.13	560.30	538.05	42.7	43.3	42.2	12.79	12.94	12.75
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	297.15	299.84	278.64	41.1	41.3	39.3	7.23	7.26	7.09
Durable Goods	317.41	318.00	303.07	41.6	42.4	40.9	7.63	7.50	7.41
Nondurable Goods	277.70	281.80	254.48	40.6	40.2	37.7	6.84	7.01	6.75

***Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.**

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

stations and in building materials and garden supplies. Wholesale trade suffered a large cutback, as wholesalers of oil well and oil refining machinery and those selling petroleum wholesale reported a significant decline in April.

The only downturn recorded within services this month was in business and repair services, which lost 3,400 jobs. Health services continued expansion in April, with the largest advances in the home health care industry; and landscaping and horticultural services benefitted from good weather. The majority of the moderate increase within finance, insurance and real estate was provided by insurance carriers, agents and brokers.

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Although both sectors of manufacturing recorded job losses in April, the durable goods segment was by far the worst-hit. Both the oil field machinery sector and the office, computing and accounting equipment portion of nonelectrical machinery had significant declines over the month, and this industry group is currently 15,800 below the April 1985 level. Transportation equipment lost 900 jobs in April, as firms making motor vehicles, ships and boats reported cutbacks. Almost every other durable goods industry reported smaller employment decreases, with the exception of electric and electronic equipment, which showed a moderate upturn.

A substantial number of workers on temporary layoff in apparel and other textile products returned to work in April, pushing employment up in that sector for the largest increase within manufacturing. Most other nondurable goods industries recorded small decreases over the month.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DECLINE

In April, there were an estimated 641,500 manufacturing production workers in Texas, compared to 646,000 in March. The average worker in April was earning $9.51 an hour for a 41.0-hour week, and averaging $389.91 a week. Both hours and earnings declined over the month -- hourly earnings by 7¢ and weekly hours by 0.4 hour.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
First Quarter 1986
(January-March 1986)

Abilene	1,333,817
Amarillo	2,509,154
Austin	6,482,649
Beaumont-Port Arthur	9,110,189
Brazoria PMSA	3,268,744
Brownsville-Harlingen	4,112,950
Bryan-College Station	1,146,496
Corpus Christi	6,311,867
Dallas PMSA	23,621,474
El Paso	5,894,398
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	11,123,541
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,300,689
Houston PMSA	55,444,955
Killeen-Temple	1,511,057
Laredo	1,715,112
Longview-Marshall	3,271,184
Lubbock	1,909,769
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,616,619
Midland	1,199,599
Odessa	1,738,579
San Angelo	579,545
San Antonio	9,858,542
Sherman-Denison	951,564
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	978,239
Tyler	2,841,960
Victoria	1,150,828
Waco	2,170,781
Wichita Falls	1,740,308

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1985
Total Population	16,655,750	16,274,750*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.2	1.8
UI Covered Employers	315,443	309,958
Total Claims Actions	771,212	511,517
Total Initial Claims Actions	96,920	61,131
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	674,292	450,386
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$157.10	$144.70
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$92,710,363	$55,150,790
Total Placements	31,134	43,011

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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Labor Market Review

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE JUMPS

The Statewide unemployment rate rose from April's 8.2 percent to 9.3 percent in the actual series in May, its highest point since 1970. The 9.3 percent rate represented 749,600 jobless Texans -- the largest number of unemployed ever in the current series. Total employment in the actual series declined by 56,200 over the month, to a level of 7,273,700, which was 170,300 below the year-ago total.

Over the last 12 months, unemployment in the actual series has increased by 226,800, while the unemployment rate rose by almost three full percentage points from 6.6 percent in May 1985. Although unemployment often rises somewhat in May due to the beginning influx of summer jobseekers, this was not the primary influence on the increase this year, as evidenced by the even higher seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 9.6 percent for the State. The current rate was also the record high in the seasonally adjusted series. The seasonally adjusted rate for the Nation rose slightly over the month, from 7.1 percent to 7.3 percent (far below Texas' 9.3 percent), while the actual unemployment rate for the U. S. remained unchanged at 7.0 percent.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	117,199.0	116,316.0	114,891.0
Unemployment	8,158.0	8,115.0	8,011.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.0	7.0
Total Employment	109,041.0	108,201.0	106,880.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	117,664.0	117,234.0	115,339.0
Unemployment	8,554.0	8,342.0	8,400.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.1	7.3
Total Employment	109,110.0	108,892.0	106,939.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,023.3	7,982.1	7,966.8
Unemployment	749.6	652.2	522.8
Percent Unemployed	9.3	8.2	6.6
Total Employment	7,273.7	7,329.9	7,444.0
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,079.0	8,027.0	8,023.0
Unemployment	779.0	685.0	551.0
Percent Unemployed	9.6	8.5	6.9
Total Employment	7,300.0	7,342.0	7,472.0

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS COUNT DROPS

For the second consecutive month, sharp decreases in oil and gas extraction, along with more moderate declines in construction and manufacturing, pushed total nonagricultural wage and salary employment down in May. The salaried nonfarm jobs count dropped by 14,300 over the month, as only services, government, and finance, insurance and real estate recorded growth.

An additional 9,300 jobs were deleted in oil and gas extraction in May, driving the total for mining 50,000 below its year-ago level. From its highest point, in January 1982, mining has now lost 112,500 jobs -- or over one-third of its original total.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	May '86*	Apr.'86**	May '85**	May '86*	Apr.'86**	May '85**	May '86*	Apr.'86**	May '85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,200	53,600	54,000	81,300	80,900	81,500	369,000	368,000	359,700
Manufacturing	5,300	5,400	5,400	9,900	9,900	9,800	40,800	40,700	42,200
Mining	3,400	3,500	4,100	1,500	1,500	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,700	3,800	4,600	25,600	25,600	28,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	6,000	6,000	6,500	11,500	11,400	10,400
Trade	14,400	14,400	14,300	24,600	24,500	24,000	82,200	82,000	79,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,500	4,600	25,800	25,700	24,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,800	13,500	16,600	16,300	16,100	84,900	84,700	80,000
Government	8,100	8,100	8,200	14,600	14,400	14,000	97,100	96,800	94,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	130,300	131,800	138,000	58,200	58,600	59,600	65,400	65,600	64,900
Manufacturing	25,400	25,900	28,200	15,600	15,700	16,900	8,900	8,900	9,800
Mining	1,500	1,900	2,600	1,700	1,800	2,000	100	100	100
Construction	8,400	8,600	10,000	6,300	6,400	6,100	3,100	3,100	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,800	10,600	2,100	2,100	2,200	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trade	32,500	32,600	32,900	11,200	11,300	11,500	18,500	18,600	18,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,600	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,300	27,400	27,800	8,200	8,200	8,300	13,000	13,100	12,100
Government	20,000	20,100	20,100	10,800	10,800	10,300	14,900	15,000	14,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION 2/			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
TOTAL	49,500	50,000	48,900	135,200	135,500	135,900	1,352.3	1,349.7	1,311.2
Manufacturing	3,300	3,300	3,600	12,500	12,500	13,200	234.2	233.9	233.4
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,300	6,400	6,600	8,000	22.8	23.3	23.9
Construction	2,800	3,000	2,700	11,200	11,400	11,100	82.0	83.8	85.0
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,400	1,500	1,500	7,600	7,700	7,400	86.1	86.1	83.1
Trade	11,300	11,100	10,700	34,300	34,400	34,100	358.9	357.0	346.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,900	2,100	7,000	6,900	7,000	132.4	132.3	125.9
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,600	7,300	28,200	28,000	27,600	292.1	290.1	277.5
Government	20,300	20,600	19,700	28,000	28,000	27,500	143.8	143.2	135.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	178,700	178,400	177,900	513,200	513,100	505,500	72,700	72,600	73,400
Manufacturing	34,300	34,500	36,400	114,400	116,700	114,000	9,600	9,900	10,600
Mining	400	400	300	3,800	3,900	4,500	500	600	800
Construction	9,200	9,100	9,400	33,400	33,000	34,300	2,800	2,700	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,300	9,300	9,800	27,900	27,700	26,300	5,500	5,500	5,900
Trade	45,600	45,400	44,200	136,900	136,900	135,200	14,200	13,900	14,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,500	9,400	9,000	28,200	28,200	27,800	4,700	4,800	4,500
Services & Misc.	34,200	34,200	32,200	106,400	104,500	102,300	13,300	13,100	13,200
Government	36,200	36,100	36,600	62,200	62,200	61,100	22,100	22,100	20,900

Employers in construction also trimmed payrolls in May, cutting 5,000 positions. This industry is currently 18,400 below its May 1985 level and is close to 30,000 below its record high reached in August 1984. A major factor in the current decline is the fact that many major cities were overbuilt during the thriving building period in 1984 and early 1985.

Smaller downturns in May were reported in trade and in transportation and public utilities. A sizeable increase in the other retail trade sector, generated by seasonal increases in eating and drinking places, was partially nullified by a large decline in food stores and more moderate losses in two other trade sectors. A substantial decrease in wholesale trade also contributed to the overall loss of 800 jobs in trade.

A modest increase in transportation by air was insufficient to overcome smaller, widespread declines in railroad transportation, communication, and in electric, gas and sanitary services, leaving transportation and public utilities 200 below its April level. Most of the 4,900 increase within services in May was seasonal, as large amusement parks staffed for the summer and hotels and other lodging places added workers in anticipation of the tourist season. The major decrease in services was in educational services, as some private schools and colleges adjourned for the summer break.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	May '86*	Apr.'86**	May '85**	May '86*	Apr.'86**	May '85**	May '86*	Apr.'86**	May '85**
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO 2/		
TOTAL	1,481.5	1,486.0	1,486.3	68,400	68,000	66,700	35,200	34,900	34,500
Manufacturing	164.1	165.9	174.4	8,900	8,900	8,600	1,700	1,700	1,800
Mining	84.0	85.4	91.2	100	100	100	1,600	1,700	2,100
Construction	98.0	99.2	107.9	3,900	3,900	4,200	1,400	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	99.9	100.0	100.4	2,800	2,800	3,000	3,800	3,800	3,700
Trade	370.8	371.0	378.8	16,300	16,300	16,300	10,500	10,400	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	114.8	114.2	109.0	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,500	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	356.3	356.9	343.6	13,400	13,200	12,300	6,300	6,000	5,500
Government	193.6	193.4	181.0	20,000	19,800	19,200	8,400	8,300	7,900
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	67,600	67,900	69,400	92,300	92,000	91,100	86,000	86,900	84,100
Manufacturing	15,600	15,800	16,200	7,100	7,200	8,300	11,700	11,800	11,400
Mining	4,200	4,200	4,600	400	400	500	1,300	1,300	1,600
Construction	3,200	3,300	3,700	4,700	4,700	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,900	4,400	4,400	4,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	17,800	17,800	17,600	27,800	27,600	26,600	26,800	27,500	25,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,400	3,400	5,400	5,400	5,600	4,000	4,100	3,900
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,700	11,600	20,400	20,000	19,600	13,200	13,200	12,900
Government	8,100	8,100	8,400	22,100	22,300	21,400	21,900	21,900	21,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO 2/		
TOTAL	47,300	47,600	49,600	48,300	49,000	52,100	36,800	37,300	37,700
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,800	4,500	4,700	5,200	5,700	5,800	5,500
Mining	9,600	9,800	11,600	7,200	7,500	8,900	600	700	900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,400	2,500	3,400	2,200	2,300	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,500	2,600	2,500	2,600	2,900	3,000	3,000
Trade	11,000	11,000	11,000	14,000	14,200	14,800	9,300	9,400	9,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,200	3,200	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	9,100	8,300	8,200	8,000	7,500	7,500	7,800
Government	6,400	6,400	6,000	7,400	7,500	7,300	6,700	6,700	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON 2/			TEXARKANA 2/		
TOTAL	488,100	487,400	484,000	37,400	37,300	37,700	45,800	45,100	45,400
Manufacturing	48,900	48,600	51,500	11,500	11,600	12,000	7,200	7,200	7,500
Mining	2,700	2,900	3,400	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	35,600	36,000	37,100	1,800	1,800	1,700	2,200	2,100	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,600	18,600	19,300	1,900	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	126,400	125,400	124,100	8,400	8,300	8,300	11,000	10,700	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,000	36,900	35,900	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,000	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	111,400	111,100	108,800	7,000	7,000	7,100	9,100	8,800	8,500
Government	107,500	107,900	103,900	5,100	5,000	4,900	12,300	12,400	12,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA 2/			WACO		
TOTAL	63,900	63,600	62,600	28,300	28,300	30,000	78,800	79,100	78,500
Manufacturing	11,600	11,600	12,200	3,300	3,300	3,200	16,100	16,300	16,500
Mining	2,100	2,300	2,900	2,400	2,500	3,000	200	200	200
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,800	1,800	2,600	4,700	4,600	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,600	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	17,700	17,300	17,100	7,800	7,900	8,100	19,000	18,900	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,100	3,900	1,500	1,500	1,700	4,800	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,400	12,400	5,600	5,400	5,500	18,400	18,800	18,300
Government	8,900	8,900	8,300	4,400	4,400	4,300	12,100	12,100	11,900
	WICHITA FALLS 2/								
TOTAL	51,600	51,700	52,000						
Manufacturing	8,600	8,500	8,600						
Mining	2,600	2,700	3,000						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	12,900	12,900	12,800						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,800						
Government	10,400	10,500	10,500						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

3/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	May 1986*	Apr. 1986**	May 1985**	Change From Apr. 1986	Change From May 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,688,800	6,703,100	6,699,100	-14,300	-10,300
Manufacturing	973,900	980,500	1,006,500	-6,600	-32,600
Durable Goods	570,000	573,700	594,200	-3,700	-24,200
Lumber & Wood Products	41,600	40,800	42,100	800	-500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,700	7,700	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	17,300	17,700	17,700	-400	-400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,300	48,500	49,400	-200	-1,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,000	23,100	23,700	-100	-700
Primary Metal Industries	31,800	32,300	33,700	-500	-1,900
Fabricated Metal Industries	79,200	80,000	83,000	-800	-3,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	40,700	41,100	42,900	-400	-2,200
Machinery, Except Electrical	118,600	120,900	138,600	-2,300	-20,000
Oil Field Machinery	28,700	31,100	41,100	-2,400	-12,400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,300	115,700	115,200	1,600	2,100
Transportation Equipment	80,600	82,400	78,600	-1,800	2,000
Aircraft & Parts	45,000	44,700	40,700	300	4,300
Instruments & Related Products	23,100	23,000	23,400	100	-300
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,200	12,400	12,500	-200	-300
Nondurable Goods	403,900	406,800	412,300	-2,900	-8,400
Food & Kindred Products	97,700	96,400	94,400	1,300	3,300
Meat Products	26,900	26,400	26,000	500	900
Dairy Products	5,400	5,300	5,400	100	0
Bakery Products	10,600	10,700	10,600	-100	0
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,100	3,100	-100	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,300	4,500	4,900	-200	-600
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	56,300	56,700	57,400	-400	-1,100
Paper & Allied Products	22,900	23,100	22,700	-200	200
Printing & Publishing	77,200	77,300	74,400	-100	2,800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	39,400	39,200	37,200	200	2,200
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,000	76,000	78,000	-3,000	-5,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,000	32,100	38,500	-100	-6,500
Petroleum Refining	29,100	29,200	35,400	-100	-6,300
Leather & Leather Products	6,800	7,000	7,700	-200	-900
Other Nondurable Goods	33,700	33,700	34,300	0	-600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,714,900	5,722,600	5,692,600	-7,700	22,300
Mining	211,700	221,000	261,700	-9,300	-50,000
Oil & Gas Extraction	203,800	213,100	253,500	-9,300	-49,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,900	7,900	8,200	0	-300
Construction	434,800	439,800	453,200	-5,000	-18,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	377,400	377,600	384,200	-200	-6,800
Railroad Transportation	22,200	22,300	24,300	-100	-2,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	187,600	187,300	189,000	300	-1,400
Transportation by Air	49,300	48,900	45,600	400	3,700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	89,300	89,400	90,600	-100	-1,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,300	78,600	80,300	-300	-2,000
Electric Services	45,600	45,600	45,200	0	400
Gas Production & Distribution	25,300	25,600	28,700	-300	-3,400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,708,400	1,709,200	1,701,600	-800	6,800
Wholesale Trade	437,500	440,000	449,300	-2,500	-11,800
Retail Trade	1,270,900	1,269,200	1,252,300	1,700	18,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	52,400	53,400	57,100	-1,000	-4,700
General Merchandise Stores	161,100	160,200	155,200	900	5,900
Food Stores	229,000	230,800	222,600	-1,800	6,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	145,200	145,200	142,700	0	2,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,400	81,900	83,200	-500	-1,800
Other Retail Trade	601,800	597,700	591,500	4,100	10,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	451,800	450,400	443,400	1,400	8,400
Banking	105,500	105,700	107,600	-200	-2,100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	140,500	139,900	132,900	600	7,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	205,800	204,800	202,900	1,000	2,900
Services	1,378,500	1,373,600	1,346,800	4,900	31,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	87,300	86,900	88,200	400	-900
Personal Services	82,700	83,200	79,300	-500	3,400
Business & Repair Services	379,100	379,100	375,300	0	3,800
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	53,600	48,600	57,400	5,000	-3,800
Health Services	356,300	355,100	348,100	1,200	8,200
Educational Services	70,600	74,300	63,000	-3,700	7,600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	348,900	346,400	335,500	2,500	13,400
Total Government	1,152,300	1,151,000	1,101,700	1,300	50,600
Total Federal Government	190,500	190,200	184,400	300	6,100
Total State Government	241,900	242,200	238,700	-300	3,200
Total Local Government	719,900	718,600	678,600	1,300	41,300

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	May '86*	Apr.'86**	May '85**	May '86*	Apr.'86**	May '85**	May '86*	Apr.'86**	May '85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,500	55,400	55,500	98,200	97,800	99,900	411,700	410,100	405,900
Total Unemployment	5,200	4,400	2,800	6,800	6,100	5,400	23,700	19,700	14,200
Percent Unemployed	9.4	7.9	5.0	6.9	6.2	5.4	5.8	4.8	3.5
Total Employment 2/	50,300	51,000	52,700	91,400	91,700	94,500	388,000	390,400	391,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	160,700	159,300	168,600	79,400	78,400	79,300	91,900	91,100	91,300
Total Unemployment	26,200	22,600	21,900	9,500	7,900	6,600	15,000	14,000	13,000
Percent Unemployed	16.3	14.2	13.0	12.0	10.1	8.3	16.3	15.4	14.2
Total Employment 2/	134,500	136,700	146,700	69,900	70,500	72,700	76,900	77,100	78,300
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,600	56,400	56,100	167,300	165,100	164,800	1,365.7	1,365.0	1,343.1
Total Unemployment	3,900	3,100	2,500	22,000	17,800	14,200	80.0	71.4	58.4
Percent Unemployed	6.9	5.5	4.5	13.2	10.8	8.6	5.9	5.2	4.3
Total Employment 2/	52,700	53,300	53,600	145,300	147,300	150,600	1,285.7	1,293.6	1,284.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	210,700	208,200	212,900	629,600	633,200	622,800	105,800	104,400	107,500
Total Unemployment	26,000	23,000	23,100	44,100	43,500	28,300	13,000	11,100	10,300
Percent Unemployed	12.3	11.0	10.9	7.0	6.9	4.5	12.3	10.6	9.6
Total Employment 2/	184,700	185,200	189,800	585,500	589,700	594,500	92,800	93,300	97,200
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,631.5	1,616.6	1,627.8	84,900	84,400	83,600	42,900	42,700	42,000
Total Unemployment	175.2	145.5	122.6	6,600	5,900	5,300	7,000	6,700	5,600
Percent Unemployed	10.7	9.0	7.5	7.8	7.0	6.3	16.3	15.7	13.3
Total Employment 2/	1,456.3	1,471.1	1,505.2	78,300	78,500	78,300	35,900	36,000	36,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,000	79,400	80,200	107,200	107,300	107,500	135,900	136,100	137,500
Total Unemployment	11,100	9,400	7,400	7,800	7,000	6,100	24,000	24,200	23,100
Percent Unemployed	13.9	11.8	9.2	7.3	6.5	5.7	17.7	17.8	16.8
Total Employment 2/	68,900	70,000	72,800	99,400	100,300	101,400	111,900	111,900	114,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,300	51,400	52,500	60,500	59,100	60,800	43,700	43,500	44,500
Total Unemployment	6,100	4,500	2,700	9,700	6,900	3,700	3,500	2,900	2,200
Percent Unemployed	11.7	8.8	5.1	16.0	11.7	6.1	8.0	6.7	4.9
Total Employment 2/	46,200	46,900	49,800	50,800	52,200	57,100	40,200	40,600	42,300
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	549,900	545,800	548,900	45,300	45,000	46,500	56,200	55,300	56,600
Total Unemployment	41,900	34,900	29,700	3,400	2,800	3,400	5,700	5,100	4,700
Percent Unemployed	7.6	6.4	5.4	7.5	6.2	7.3	10.1	9.2	8.3
Total Employment 2/	508,000	510,900	519,200	41,900	42,200	43,100	50,500	50,200	51,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,600	74,600	73,600	36,700	36,200	38,100	88,100	88,000	87,300
Total Unemployment	6,500	5,700	4,400	4,400	3,500	2,400	7,600	6,400	4,800
Percent Unemployed	8.7	7.6	6.0	12.0	9.7	6.3	8.6	7.3	5.5
Total Employment 2/	68,100	68,900	69,200	32,300	32,700	35,700	80,500	81,600	82,500
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,100	55,700	56,200				8,023.3	7,982.1	7,966.8
Total Unemployment	5,000	4,400	3,100				749.6	652.2	522.8
Percent Unemployed	8.9	7.9	5.5				9.3	8.2	6.6
Total Employment 2/	51,100	51,300	53,100				7,273.7	7,329.9	7,444.0

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May ± 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May ± 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May ± 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985
			FOR TEXAS						
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 390.70	$ 393.05	$ 383.64	41.3	41.2	40.9	$ 9.46	$ 9.54	$ 9.38
Durable Goods	383.16	387.92	381.71	41.2	41.4	41.4	9.30	9.37	9.22
Lumber & Wood Products	276.76	275.93	259.90	40.7	40.4	39.2	6.80	6.83	6.63
Furniture & Fixtures	233.87	230.63	227.05	37.3	37.5	37.1	6.27	6.15	6.12
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	388.52	385.42	388.39	44.2	44.2	44.9	8.79	8.72	8.65
Primary Metal Industries	427.45	427.73	418.41	39.8	40.2	40.9	10.74	10.64	10.23
Fabricated Metal Products	353.73	355.91	368.68	39.7	39.9	41.8	8.91	8.92	8.82
Machinery, exc. Electric	393.12	404.70	396.03	41.6	42.2	41.6	9.45	9.59	9.52
Oil Field Machinery	442.58	471.03	492.59	39.8	41.5	43.4	11.12	11.35	11.35
Electric & Electronic Equip.	421.46	424.30	390.31	42.4	42.6	40.7	9.94	9.96	9.59
Transportation Equipment	500.53	511.28	526.06	41.4	41.5	42.7	12.09	12.32	12.32
Instruments & Related Prod.	333.72	343.26	307.26	39.4	40.1	38.6	8.47	8.56	7.96
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	268.52	249.85	277.31	40.5	39.1	39.9	6.63	6.39	6.95
Nondurable Goods	400.34	400.57	387.44	41.4	41.0	40.4	9.67	9.77	9.59
Food & Kindred Products	344.32	344.03	336.00	42.3	41.6	42.0	8.14	8.27	8.00
Meat Products	292.99	284.28	295.67	43.6	41.5	43.1	6.72	6.85	6.86
Malt Beverages	804.20	799.20	812.89	48.3	47.6	48.3	16.65	16.79	16.83
Textile Mill Products	305.02	300.76	275.26	42.9	43.4	40.9	7.11	6.93	6.73
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	197.40	192.15	191.94	37.6	36.6	36.7	5.25	5.25	5.23
Paper & Allied Products	463.38	450.21	427.32	44.3	43.0	42.1	10.46	10.47	10.15
Printing & Publishing	380.25	375.71	360.12	39.9	39.8	39.4	9.53	9.44	9.14
Chemicals & Allied Products	628.66	627.37	609.54	43.0	43.0	42.3	14.62	14.59	14.41
Petroleum & Coal Products	634.74	657.29	610.65	42.6	43.5	38.6	14.90	15.11	15.82
Petroleum Refining	661.02	684.96	635.90	42.4	43.6	38.4	15.59	15.71	16.56
Leather & Leather Products	199.50	189.39	203.14	37.5	35.6	37.9	5.32	5.32	5.36
Other Nondurable Goods	381.41	377.07	366.32	43.0	42.8	42.3	8.87	8.81	8.66
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	515.16	516.89	474.15	43.4	43.4	43.5	11.87	11.91	10.90
Oil & Gas Extraction	521.78	522.33	475.89	43.7	43.6	43.5	11.94	11.98	10.94
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	398.09	406.18	433.18	38.8	39.9	43.8	10.26	10.18	9.89
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	476.80	472.43	451.16	40.0	39.8	39.3	11.92	11.87	11.48
Elec., Gas & San. Services	462.80	464.13	454.01	40.0	40.5	40.5	11.57	11.46	11.21
Wholesale & Retail Trade	225.78	225.40	229.64	32.3	32.2	32.9	6.99	7.00	6.98
Wholesale Trade	378.58	378.74	370.80	39.6	39.7	39.7	9.56	9.54	9.34
Retail Trade	178.20	176.71	182.97	30.0	29.8	30.7	5.94	5.93	5.96
General Merchandise Stores	186.53	182.59	179.39	29.1	28.8	29.7	6.41	6.34	6.04
Banking	274.18	274.56	264.54	38.4	38.4	37.9	7.14	7.15	6.98

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 388.16	$ 389.99	$ 372.60	42.1	41.8	41.4	$ 9.22	$ 9.33	$ 9.00
Durable Goods	407.27	409.78	390.40	41.9	41.9	41.4	9.72	9.78	9.43
Nondurable Goods	357.41	354.85	339.89	42.6	41.6	41.4	8.39	8.53	8.21
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	393.54	394.37	387.09	42.0	41.6	41.4	9.37	9.48	9.35
Durable Goods	412.13	412.15	403.24	42.4	41.8	41.4	9.72	9.86	9.74
Nondurable Goods	346.86	349.81	345.27	41.0	41.3	41.3	8.46	8.47	8.36
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	467.31	470.53	468.60	42.1	42.2	42.6	11.10	11.15	11.00
Durable Goods	401.72	410.33	418.58	41.5	41.7	42.8	9.68	9.84	9.78
Nondurable Goods	551.26	549.12	536.78	43.0	42.9	42.2	12.82	12.80	12.72
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	309.54	303.26	280.68	42.0	41.6	39.7	7.37	7.29	7.07
Durable Goods	326.88	324.94	309.64	41.8	42.2	41.9	7.82	7.70	7.39
Nondurable Goods	292.17	280.98	251.63	42.1	40.9	37.5	6.94	6.87	6.71

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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Finance, insurance and real estate gained 1,400 jobs over the month, primarily on the strength of increases within the other finance, insurance and real estate sector. This segment includes real estate agents, leasors, and brokers, for whom business normally accelerates in the summer months. Some 1,300 jobs were created in government in May, as local government added 1,000 positions, many of them to staff summer programs. A small increase in federal government was offset by an equal-sized loss in state government.

The majority of both durable and nondurable goods sectors of manufacturing recorded decreases in May, but durable goods firms were responsible for the largest of the cutbacks. Only two durable goods industries showed substantial growth over the month -- electric and electronic equipment, which reported 1,600 additional jobs, and lumber and wood products, where employment increased by 800. A sharp decline in the manufacture of oil field machinery pulled employment in nonelectrical machinery down by 2,300 in May. Large cutbacks by a major automobile maker were primarily responsible for the loss of 1,800 jobs in transportation equipment.

Within nondurable goods, the only growth reported was in food and kindred products, which added 1,300 jobs in May due to seasonal vegetable canning and meat packing. Every other major nondurable goods segment recorded losses, the largest of these occurring in chemicals and allied products, as some 2,500 workers who had been employed in the manufacture of fertilizer were laid off.

HOURLY EARNINGS DROP AS WEEKLY HOURS RISE

In May 1986, there were an estimated 634,300 Texas manufacturing production workers, down 6,800 over the month and 28,800 below the year-ago level. The average production worker in May was averaging $9.46 an hour for a 41.3-hour week, with average weekly earnings totaling $390.70. Average weekly hours had risen by 0.1 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings were down 8¢ from April, dropping weekly earnings by $2.35. Compared to May 1985, however, both hours worked and hourly earnings were up -- weekly hours by 0.4 hour and hourly earnings by 8¢, bringing average weekly earnings up by $7.06 over the year.

Workers in the durable goods sector averaged 0.2 hour less in May and their average hourly earnings dropped by 7¢, while nondurable goods workers averaged 0.4 hour more over the month. Average hourly earnings also declined in nondurable goods in May, however, by 10¢.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	May 1986	May 1985
Total Population	16,687,500	16,306,500*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.3	1.7
UI Covered Employers	315,443**	309,814
Total Claims Actions	799,356	490,861
Total Initial Claims Actions	85,973	57,728
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	713,383	433,133
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$160.20	$143.95
Total Amount Paid (Net)***	$106,322,312	$56,392,617
Total Placements	30,018	46,518

*Revised.
**April 1986 data.
***Regular State UI benefits.

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Labor Market Review

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NOTICE FOR EMPLOYERS SEEKING SECURITY CLEARED PERSONNEL

Increasing security measures by firms involved in defense contracting has intensified demand for personnel with security clearances. Security clearances issued to active Army personnel may still be valid for significant periods of time after separation, depending on the level of clearance. Efforts are underway to use this occupational "edge" to assist veterans in finding jobs. Solicitation letters have brought encouraging response from many large defense contractors who appreciate the value of the technical background the military provides, and the pre-existing security clearance saves considerable time and money. If your business needs include technical personnel with security clearances, contact Ms. Sandy Dunn in the Killeen TEC office at (817) 526-4124. Resumes and personal interviews may be arranged.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	119,644.0	117,199.0	116,572.0
Unemployment	8,775.0	8,158.0	8,753.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.0	7.5
Total Employment	110,869.0	109,041.0	107,819.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	118,116.0	117,664.0	115,024.0
Unemployment	8,443.0	8,554.0	8,423.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.3	7.3
Total Employment	109,673.0	109,110.0	106,601.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,204.1	8,023.3	8,150.2
Unemployment	906.8	749.6	631.3
Percent Unemployed	11.1	9.3	7.7
Total Employment	7,297.3	7,273.7	7,518.9
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,076.0	8,079.0	8,023.0
Unemployment	846.0	779.0	569.0
Percent Unemployed	10.5	9.6	7.1
Total Employment	7,230.0	7,300.0	7,454.0

UNEMPLOYMENT SPIRALS UPWARD

The combination of the usual June influx of summer job-seekers and worsening underlying economic conditions pushed the actual Texas unemployment rate to 11.1 percent in June -- a record high. The June rate was almost two full percentage points above May's 9.3 percent and substantially above the June 1985 rate of 7.7 percent. Total joblessness increased by 157,200 over the month in the actual series, to 906,800; while total employment rose by only 23,600, to a level of 7,297,300.

Although June is normally a high unemployment month, much of the over-the-month increase was due to further deterioration of some basic industries, as shown by the sizeable rise in unemployment in the seasonally adjusted series, which excludes seasonal activity such as summer job-seekers. The seasonally adjusted rate rose from 9.6 percent in May to 10.5 percent in June. The Nation as a whole has not suffered from the oil crisis -- on the contrary, lower oil prices have been a boon

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jun. '86*	May '86**	Jun. '85**	Jun. '86*	May '86**	Jun. '85**	Jun. '86*	May '86**	Jun. '85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	52,300	53,300	53,200	81,100	81,200	82,000	362,800	368,200	356,700
Manufacturing	5,300	5,300	5,400	10,200	9,900	10,200	41,100	40,900	42,400
Mining	3,400	3,400	4,100	1,500	1,500	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,800	3,700	4,800	25,500	25,100	28,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	5,900	6,000	6,500	11,300	11,500	10,500
Trade	14,400	14,500	14,300	25,000	24,600	24,300	82,500	82,000	80,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,400	4,600	25,600	25,800	24,500
Services & Misc.	12,900	13,600	12,800	16,800	16,500	16,600	84,700	84,800	80,700
Government	7,900	8,100	8,000	13,500	14,600	13,100	91,000	97,000	88,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,900	130,100	137,500	58,500	58,300	60,000	65,800	65,500	65,600
Manufacturing	25,000	25,400	27,800	15,600	15,600	16,900	9,200	8,900	9,900
Mining	1,500	1,500	2,500	1,700	1,700	2,000	100	100	100
Construction	8,400	8,400	10,400	6,300	6,200	6,300	3,100	3,100	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,700	10,600	2,000	2,100	2,300	3,300	3,300	3,500
Trade	32,600	32,400	33,100	11,400	11,200	11,800	18,400	18,500	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,500	5,800	2,300	2,300	2,400	3,600	3,600	3,600
Services & Misc.	27,600	27,200	28,200	8,300	8,300	8,100	13,800	13,100	12,900
Government	19,000	20,000	19,100	10,900	10,900	10,200	14,300	14,900	14,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION 2/			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
TOTAL	46,300	49,500	46,200	134,500	134,500	136,400	1,353.5	1,356.0	1,315.7
Manufacturing	3,200	3,300	3,700	12,700	12,500	13,000	233.3	234.9	235.6
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,300	6,100	6,300	8,100	22.1	22.8	24.1
Construction	2,600	2,900	2,800	11,300	11,000	11,800	81.6	82.9	86.8
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,400	1,400	1,600	7,400	7,600	7,600	85.3	86.0	83.2
Trade	10,900	11,200	10,800	34,100	34,000	34,200	358.6	359.2	349.6
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	2,100	7,000	7,000	7,000	133.1	132.6	127.1
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,500	7,400	28,100	28,100	27,700	297.1	293.8	277.7
Government	17,800	20,400	16,500	27,800	28,000	27,000	142.4	143.8	131.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	177,900	178,700	178,200	510,200	512,600	507,400	73,600	72,700	72,700
Manufacturing	34,100	34,300	36,500	113,800	114,500	114,700	9,700	9,600	10,200
Mining	400	400	300	3,500	3,600	4,500	500	500	800
Construction	9,300	9,200	9,400	32,700	33,100	34,400	2,800	2,800	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,100	9,300	9,800	26,900	27,500	26,500	5,500	5,500	5,700
Trade	46,000	45,600	44,400	138,200	137,000	137,100	14,400	14,200	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,500	9,500	9,100	28,300	28,300	28,000	4,700	4,700	4,500
Services & Misc.	34,200	34,200	32,700	107,200	106,500	103,000	13,700	13,300	13,200
Government	35,300	36,200	36,000	59,600	62,100	59,200	22,300	22,100	20,600

to most of the Country. The actual U. S. rate rose slightly from 7.0 percent in May to 7.3 percent in June, while the seasonally adjusted U. S. rate dropped from 7.3 percent to 7.1 percent over the month.

NONFARM SALARIED EMPLOYMENT DECLINES

Despite some large, primarily seasonal gains in services, trade and finance, insurance and real estate between May and June, nonagricultural wage and salary employment dropped by 2,700 over the month, as further reductions in oil and gas extraction, construction and manufacturing countered growth. There were an estimated 6,689,500 nonfarm salaried jobs in the State in mid-June -- 17,700 below the June 1985 level.

Employers in services added 15,000 jobs over the month, as every sector except educational services recorded growth. The largest gains were in hotels and other lodging places and in business and repair services. Seasonal factors also generated increases in most sectors of retail trade, pushing the trade total up by 8,400 despite a loss in the wholesale portion. Insurance carriers, agents and brokers reported sizeable gains in June, as did the other finance, insurance and real estate sector. Despite a small downturn in banking, employment in finance, insurance and real estate rose by 3,000 over the month.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jun.'86*	May '86**	Jun.'85**	Jun.'86*	May '86**	Jun.'85**	Jun.'86*	May '86**	Jun.'85**
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO 2/		
TOTAL	1,478.1	1,482.5	1,493.7	69,000	68,200	66,400	35,100	35,200	34,900
Manufacturing	162.4	163.7	174.6	8,900	8,900	8,600	1,700	1,600	1,900
Mining	82.5	83.8	92.1	100	100	100	1,600	1,600	2,200
Construction	98.2	99.0	108.7	4,000	3,900	4,200	1,400	1,500	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	98.7	99.5	100.8	3,000	2,800	2,900	3,800	3,800	3,700
Trade	371.9	371.7	381.4	16,600	16,300	16,300	10,600	10,600	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	115.4	114.7	110.6	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Services & Misc.	357.1	356.4	348.3	13,500	13,300	12,300	6,200	6,300	5,600
Government	191.9	193.7	177.2	19,900	19,900	19,000	8,300	8,300	7,900
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	67,300	67,700	69,200	89,800	91,800	89,900	85,800	86,400	83,800
Manufacturing	15,600	15,600	16,400	7,100	7,100	8,000	12,300	12,000	12,100
Mining	4,100	4,100	4,700	400	400	600	1,300	1,300	1,700
Construction	3,200	3,200	3,700	4,600	4,700	4,700	4,600	4,600	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,700	3,700	4,300	4,400	4,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	18,000	17,900	17,700	27,500	27,600	27,000	26,900	26,800	25,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400	5,300	5,400	5,500	4,000	4,000	3,800
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,600	11,800	20,000	20,100	19,900	13,400	13,200	12,900
Government	7,700	8,100	7,800	20,600	22,100	19,600	20,700	21,900	20,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO 2/		
TOTAL	46,500	47,200	49,300	47,500	47,800	52,400	36,300	36,800	37,000
Manufacturing	3,600	3,700	3,900	4,500	4,500	5,300	5,500	5,600	5,500
Mining	9,200	9,400	11,600	7,000	7,100	9,000	600	600	900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,600	2,400	3,400	2,100	2,200	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,500	2,200	2,400	2,600	2,900	2,900	3,000
Trade	10,900	11,000	11,200	13,900	13,900	14,700	9,400	9,300	9,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,300	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,000	9,000	9,200	8,000	8,200	8,100	7,500	7,500	7,600
Government	6,100	6,400	5,800	7,400	7,400	7,400	6,400	6,800	6,300
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON 2/			TEXARKANA 2/		
TOTAL	485,800	488,200	482,400	37,200	37,500	37,500	45,900	45,800	45,600
Manufacturing	48,800	48,900	51,400	11,400	11,500	12,000	7,200	7,200	7,500
Mining	2,700	2,700	3,400	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	35,300	35,600	38,100	1,900	1,800	1,800	2,300	2,200	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,400	18,600	19,200	2,100	2,100	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	126,400	126,200	124,200	8,300	8,300	8,300	11,300	11,100	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,300	37,000	36,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,000	2,000	1,900
Services & Misc.	110,900	111,200	108,100	7,000	7,000	7,000	9,100	9,100	8,600
Government	106,000	108,000	101,600	4,800	5,100	4,700	12,000	12,200	12,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA 2/			WACO		
TOTAL	63,400	63,800	62,800	27,900	28,300	30,500	77,500	78,900	78,100
Manufacturing	11,600	11,600	12,300	3,300	3,300	3,200	15,700	16,200	16,600
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,800	2,300	2,400	3,300	200	200	200
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,800	1,800	2,700	4,600	4,700	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,600	3,600	3,500	3,600
Trade	17,500	17,600	16,800	8,100	7,800	8,300	18,800	19,000	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,100	3,900	1,500	1,500	1,700	4,800	4,800	4,900
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,500	12,900	5,300	5,600	5,600	17,800	18,400	17,600
Government	8,600	8,900	8,100	4,100	4,400	4,100	12,000	12,100	11,800
	WICHITA FALLS 2/								
TOTAL	51,600	51,500	52,200						
Manufacturing	8,600	8,600	8,500						
Mining	2,600	2,600	3,100						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	12,800	12,800	12,900						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,800						
Government	10,500	10,400	10,500						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

3/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Jun. 1986*	May 1986**	Jun. 1985**	Change From May 1986	Change From Jun. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,689,500	6,692,200	6,707,200	-2,700	-17,700
Manufacturing	971,700	974,500	1,010,900	-2,800	-39,200
Durable Goods	564,900	569,700	596,900	-4,800	-32,000
Lumber & Wood Products	41,400	41,500	42,100	-100	-700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,800	7,700	7,800	100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	17,100	17,300	17,800	-200	-700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,600	48,300	50,000	300	-1,400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,700	23,100	24,000	-400	-1,300
Primary Metal Industries	29,700	32,200	33,500	-2,500	-3,800
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,600	78,900	84,100	-300	-5,500
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	40,600	40,700	43,500	-100	-2,900
Machinery, Except Electrical	117,100	118,200	137,900	-1,100	-20,800
Oil Field Machinery	27,900	28,500	40,900	-600	-13,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,000	117,100	116,600	-1,100	-600
Transportation Equipment	81,600	81,100	78,800	500	2,800
Aircraft & Parts	46,100	45,500	40,800	600	5,300
Instruments & Related Products	22,800	23,000	23,600	-200	-800
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,000	12,100	12,500	-100	-500
Nondurable Goods	406,800	404,800	414,000	2,000	-7,200
Food & Kindred Products	98,300	98,000	95,200	300	3,100
Meat Products	26,900	26,700	26,200	200	700
Dairy Products	5,400	5,400	5,500	0	-100
Bakery Products	10,700	10,700	10,600	0	100
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,000	3,100	100	0
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,400	4,900	-200	-700
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	55,800	56,500	57,500	-700	-1,700
Paper & Allied Products	23,200	23,200	22,900	0	300
Printing & Publishing	77,300	77,300	74,300	0	3,000
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	39,500	39,500	37,100	0	2,400
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,500	72,900	78,500	2,600	-3,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,800	32,000	38,600	-200	-6,800
Petroleum Refining	29,000	29,100	35,400	-100	-6,400
Leather & Leather Products	6,900	6,800	7,700	100	-800
Other Nondurable Goods	33,800	33,700	34,400	100	-600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,717,800	5,717,700	5,696,300	100	21,500
Mining	206,100	211,300	261,600	-5,200	-55,500
Oil & Gas Extraction	198,200	203,400	253,200	-5,200	-55,000
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,900	7,900	8,400	0	-500
Construction	434,400	435,400	459,700	-1,000	-25,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	370,300	377,200	386,500	-6,900	-16,200
Railroad Transportation	22,200	22,200	24,100	0	-1,900
Transportation, Except Railroads	187,400	187,600	190,700	-200	-3,300
Transportation by Air	50,100	49,300	46,300	800	3,800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	82,400	89,000	90,500	-6,600	-8,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,300	78,400	81,200	-100	-2,900
Electric Services	45,700	45,700	45,800	0	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	25,100	25,300	29,000	-200	-3,900
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,720,000	1,711,600	1,715,800	8,400	4,200
Wholesale Trade	436,900	438,100	452,900	-1,200	-16,000
Retail Trade	1,283,100	1,273,500	1,262,900	9,600	20,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	52,500	52,700	57,000	-200	-4,500
General Merchandise Stores	162,900	160,800	156,700	2,100	6,200
Food Stores	234,200	231,800	224,200	2,400	10,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	147,200	145,400	144,500	1,800	2,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,400	81,900	83,800	-1,500	-3,400
Other Retail Trade	605,900	600,900	596,700	5,000	9,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	454,900	451,900	448,300	3,000	6,600
Banking	105,400	105,600	108,600	-200	-3,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,900	140,500	133,800	1,400	8,100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	207,600	205,800	205,900	1,800	1,700
Services	1,391,700	1,376,700	1,359,600	15,000	32,100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	92,900	87,300	90,100	5,600	2,800
Personal Services	83,700	83,500	79,200	200	4,500
Business & Repair Services	383,600	378,800	379,900	4,800	3,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	58,100	53,800	60,800	4,300	-2,700
Health Services	361,300	358,100	349,900	3,200	11,400
Educational Services	60,500	68,800	58,800	-8,300	1,700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	351,600	346,400	340,900	5,200	10,700
Total Government	1,140,400	1,153,600	1,064,800	-13,200	75,600
Total Federal Government	191,900	191,200	185,800	700	6,100
Total State Government	235,800	242,900	225,000	-7,100	10,800
Total Local Government	712,700	719,500	654,000	-6,800	58,700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jun.'86*	May '86**	Jun.'85**	Jun.'86*	May '86**	Jun.'85**	Jun.'86*	May '86**	Jun.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	55,600	56,100	100,200	98,100	103,100	412,900	410,800	412,500
Total Unemployment	6,400	5,200	3,400	7,900	6,800	6,500	28,300	23,800	19,900
Percent Unemployed	11.4	9.4	6.1	7.9	6.9	6.3	6.9	5.8	4.8
Total Employment 2/	49,900	50,400	52,700	92,300	91,300	96,600	384,600	387,000	392,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	164,500	160,500	173,200	81,800	79,100	81,600	96,000	91,900	95,200
Total Unemployment	30,500	26,100	25,500	11,600	9,500	7,700	18,300	14,900	15,000
Percent Unemployed	18.5	16.3	14.7	14.2	12.0	9.4	19.1	16.2	15.8
Total Employment 2/	134,000	134,400	147,700	70,200	69,600	73,900	77,700	77,000	80,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,300	56,500	54,600	170,600	166,600	168,600	1,392.7	1,368.0	1,344.0
Total Unemployment	5,000	3,800	2,900	25,900	22,000	16,300	97.6	80.3	71.1
Percent Unemployed	9.0	6.7	5.3	15.2	13.2	9.7	7.0	5.9	5.3
Total Employment 2/	50,300	52,700	51,700	144,700	144,600	152,300	1,295.1	1,287.7	1,272.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	216,300	210,600	219,500	637,900	627,500	637,300	109,500	105,800	109,800
Total Unemployment	31,300	26,000	26,900	52,600	44,000	34,300	15,100	13,000	12,100
Percent Unemployed	14.5	12.3	12.3	8.2	7.0	5.4	13.8	12.3	11.0
Total Employment 2/	185,000	184,600	192,600	585,300	583,500	603,000	94,400	92,800	97,700
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,676.9	1,634.0	1,680.9	87,900	84,900	86,300	44,400	42,900	43,800
Total Unemployment	212.1	175.4	145.2	8,300	6,600	6,200	8,500	7,000	6,300
Percent Unemployed	12.6	10.7	8.6	9.4	7.8	7.2	19.1	16.3	14.4
Total Employment 2/	1,464.8	1,458.6	1,535.7	79,600	78,300	80,100	35,900	35,900	37,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,500	80,300	82,800	107,800	107,000	111,000	141,500	136,400	140,300
Total Unemployment	13,200	11,100	8,900	9,500	7,800	10,000	29,700	24,100	25,200
Percent Unemployed	16.0	13.8	10.7	8.8	7.3	9.0	21.0	17.7	18.0
Total Employment 2/	69,300	69,200	73,900	98,300	99,200	101,000	111,800	112,300	115,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,700	52,300	54,100	62,900	60,200	62,200	44,200	43,800	45,700
Total Unemployment	7,600	6,100	3,200	12,300	9,700	4,300	4,100	3,500	3,000
Percent Unemployed	14.2	11.7	5.9	19.6	16.1	6.9	9.3	8.0	6.6
Total Employment 2/	46,100	46,200	50,900	50,600	50,500	57,900	40,100	40,300	42,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	559,000	549,300	562,400	46,200	45,400	47,100	57,000	56,300	58,300
Total Unemployment	49,800	41,500	39,200	4,400	3,400	3,600	6,300	5,600	5,300
Percent Unemployed	8.9	7.6	7.0	9.5	7.5	7.6	11.1	9.9	9.1
Total Employment 2/	509,200	507,800	523,200	41,800	42,000	43,500	50,700	50,700	53,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,300	74,800	75,800	37,700	36,800	39,900	88,800	89,000	89,200
Total Unemployment	8,100	6,600	5,300	5,400	4,400	3,000	8,600	7,600	5,700
Percent Unemployed	10.6	8.8	7.0	14.3	12.0	7.5	9.7	8.5	6.4
Total Employment 2/	68,200	68,200	70,500	32,300	32,400	36,900	80,200	81,400	83,500
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,100	55,800	57,500				8,204.1	8,023.3	8,150.2
Total Unemployment	5,900	5,000	3,700				906.8	749.6	631.3
Percent Unemployed	10.3	9.0	6.4				11.1	9.3	7.7
Total Employment 2/	51,200	50,800	53,800				7,297.3	7,273.7	7,518.9

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June± 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June± 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June± 1986	May 1986	June 1985
			FOR TEXAS						
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 392.22	$ 391.52	$ 389.46	41.2	41.3	41.3	$ 9.52	$ 9.48	$ 9.43
Durable Goods	383.78	385.02	391.11	41.4	41.4	42.1	9.27	9.30	9.29
Lumber & Wood Products	281.12	276.08	259.11	41.1	40.6	39.2	6.84	6.80	6.61
Furniture & Fixtures	242.44	232.75	232.56	38.3	37.3	38.0	6.33	6.24	6.12
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	377.13	389.83	388.00	43.1	44.4	44.7	8.75	8.78	8.68
Primary Metal Industries	418.99	425.97	422.06	40.6	40.3	41.5	10.32	10.57	10.17
Fabricated Metal Products	357.78	357.60	375.70	40.2	40.0	42.5	8.90	8.94	8.84
Machinery, exc. Electric	396.16	395.32	415.92	42.1	41.7	43.1	9.41	9.48	9.65
Oil Field Machinery	448.77	452.40	494.92	39.4	40.0	43.3	11.39	11.31	11.43
Electric & Electronic Equip.	415.33	421.46	414.40	41.7	42.4	42.2	9.96	9.94	9.82
Transportation Equipment	507.31	506.57	524.10	42.1	41.9	42.3	12.05	12.09	12.39
Instruments & Related Prod.	340.05	342.19	314.82	40.1	40.4	39.6	8.48	8.47	7.95
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	274.05	265.17	278.29	40.6	40.3	40.1	6.75	6.58	6.94
Nondurable Goods	403.44	400.88	388.09	41.0	41.2	40.3	9.84	9.73	9.63
Food & Kindred Products	340.31	344.01	324.66	41.2	41.8	41.2	8.26	8.23	7.88
Meat Products	263.42	269.62	275.52	39.2	41.1	41.0	6.72	6.56	6.72
Malt Beverages	853.12	906.17	776.82	48.5	51.9	46.6	17.59	17.46	16.67
Textile Mill Products	302.21	304.16	294.10	41.8	42.9	42.5	7.23	7.09	6.92
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	203.61	196.72	192.99	38.2	37.4	36.9	5.33	5.26	5.23
Paper & Allied Products	451.97	458.04	432.48	43.5	44.0	42.4	10.39	10.41	10.20
Printing & Publishing	364.62	379.69	359.46	38.3	39.8	39.2	9.52	9.54	9.17
Chemicals & Allied Products	640.27	630.44	618.55	43.0	42.8	42.6	14.89	14.73	14.52
Petroleum & Coal Products	657.49	635.80	626.05	43.6	42.5	39.3	15.08	14.96	15.93
Petroleum Refining	683.21	660.73	652.08	43.6	42.3	39.0	15.67	15.62	16.72
Leather & Leather Products	206.12	206.90	202.90	38.1	38.6	38.5	5.41	5.36	5.27
Other Nondurable Goods	377.44	387.15	362.25	42.6	43.5	41.4	8.86	8.90	8.75
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	518.83	532.93	481.80	43.2	44.3	43.8	12.01	12.03	11.00
Oil & Gas Extraction	525.14	538.90	483.32	43.4	44.5	43.7	12.10	12.11	11.06
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	401.41	402.27	428.35	39.2	39.4	44.9	10.24	10.21	9.54
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	474.00	480.39	458.96	40.0	40.2	39.6	11.85	11.95	11.59
Elec., Gas & San. Services	467.88	463.20	457.56	40.3	40.0	40.6	11.61	11.58	11.27
Wholesale & Retail Trade	227.55	225.45	231.46	32.6	32.3	33.4	6.98	6.98	6.93
Wholesale Trade	379.45	376.20	373.97	39.9	39.6	39.7	9.51	9.50	9.42
Retail Trade	180.29	179.10	184.36	30.3	30.1	31.3	5.95	5.95	5.89
General Merchandise Stores	191.33	186.76	180.89	29.3	29.0	30.3	6.53	6.44	5.97
Banking	285.04	273.46	279.50	39.1	38.3	39.2	7.29	7.14	7.13

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 394.59	$ 393.73	$ 378.29	41.8	42.2	41.8	$ 9.44	$ 9.33	$ 9.05
Durable Goods	417.58	411.87	398.47	41.8	42.2	41.9	9.99	9.76	9.51
Nondurable Goods	354.89	360.81	341.95	41.9	42.2	41.6	8.47	8.55	8.22
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	393.42	391.15	386.57	41.5	41.7	41.3	9.48	9.38	9.36
Durable Goods	411.88	407.13	400.46	41.9	41.8	41.2	9.83	9.74	9.72
Nondurable Goods	348.30	350.24	350.24	40.5	41.4	41.4	8.60	8.46	8.46
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	467.46	472.49	473.97	41.7	42.3	42.7	11.21	11.17	11.10
Durable Goods	397.58	406.99	426.94	41.2	41.7	43.3	9.65	9.76	9.86
Nondurable Goods	552.44	555.13	538.35	42.3	43.1	41.7	13.06	12.88	12.91
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	297.92	309.86	284.40	40.7	42.1	40.0	7.32	7.36	7.11
Durable Goods	314.71	330.30	308.02	41.3	42.4	41.4	7.62	7.79	7.44
Nondurable Goods	280.40	290.51	262.00	40.0	41.8	38.7	7.01	6.95	6.77

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

A labor-management dispute in communications which idled over 6,000 workers was the primary over-the-month change within transportation and public utilities; other sectors reported minor gains and losses. The largest number of job losses in June was in state and local government, as schools and colleges ended their spring semester. A small increase in federal government did little to lessen the 13,200 seasonal decrease in government.

The decline in oil and gas extraction activity continued in June, as an additional 5,200 jobs were cut, leaving this sector 55,500 below the June 1985 level. Although construction activity normally picks up in the summer, it has not done so this year; and employment in this industry dropped by 1,000 over the month.

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Despite the return of workers laid off in May within one nondurable goods industry, which boosted nondurables by 2,000 in June, sizeable cutbacks in several durable goods sectors kept manufacturing employment 2,800 below its May level. From its highest employment level (in September 1981) total manufacturing has now lost 160,900 jobs, for a 14 percent decrease. Although nondurable goods has dropped by 38,000 since 1981, the downturn was primarily concentrated in the durable goods sector, which has declined by 123,000 (or 18 percent).

Within durable goods, another 4,800 jobs were cut between May and June, with the largest losses in primary metal industries, electric and electronic equipment, and nonelectrical machinery. The only industry which reported growth was transportation equipment, where aircraft and parts generated a moderate increase. Aside from the 2,600 gain recorded in chemicals and allied products as workers returned from a temporary layoff, there was little change in nondurable goods in June. Apparel and other textile products declined by 700, while food and kindred products produced 300 additional jobs over the month.

HOURS DROP, EARNINGS RISE

There were an estimated 637,400 manufacturing production workers in Texas in June, up 4,300 from the May total. The average production worker worked a 41.2-hour week at $9.52 per hour in June, averaging $392.22 a week. Average weekly hours declined by 0.1 hour from the May figure, while average hourly earnings rose by 4¢ and average weekly earnings were up 70¢. Part of the increase in hourly earnings was the result of cutbacks -- as newer, lower-paid workers are normally terminated first and those employees who remain frequently work longer hours at higher wages.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	June 1986	June 1985
Total Population	16,719,250	16,338,250*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.5	1.6
UI Covered Employers	315,443**	309,297
Total Claims Actions	800,283	421,664
Total Initial Claims Actions	82,316	56,589
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	717,967	365,075
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$161.03	$144.56
Total Amount Paid (Net)***	$108,261,145	$46,038,302
Total Placements	30,402	43,049

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Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION AUGUST 1986 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES

The State's actual unemployment rate decreased from 11.1 percent in June to 9.3 percent in July, as total unemployment dropped by 133,300 over the month to 773,500. Some of the downturn in joblessness was due to summer job-seekers who had entered the labor force in June but were discouraged by the evident lack of work in many areas and quickly dropped out of the labor force once more. Although the rate was down over the month, a comparison with the July 1985 rate of 7.7 percent shows that the Texas economy is still faring relatively poorly. Total employment rose to 7,505,900 in mid-July, but was still well below the July 1985 level of 7,629,700.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	120,303.0	119,644.0	117,536.0
Unemployment	8,471.0	8,775.0	8,682.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.3	7.4
Total Employment	111,832.0	110,869.0	108,854.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	118,072.0	118,116.0	115,272.0
Unemployment	8,190.0	8,443.0	8,401.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.1	7.3
Total Employment	109,882.0	109,673.0	106,871.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,279.4	8,204.1	8,262.1
Unemployment	773.5	906.8	632.4
Percent Unemployed	9.3	11.1	7.7
Total Employment	7,505.9	7,297.3	7,629.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,108.0	8,076.0	8,093.0
Unemployment	707.0	846.0	581.0
Percent Unemployed	8.7	10.5	7.2
Total Employment	7,401.0	7,230.0	7,512.0

Similar changes took place over the month in the State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, which declined from 10.5 percent in June to 8.7 percent in July. The Nation's seasonally adjusted rate slid from 7.1 percent in June to 6.9 percent in July, its lowest level in the past six months. The actual U. S. rate also dropped slightly, to 7.0 percent in July from the 7.3 percent recorded in June.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS CONTINUE DECLINE

The combination of continued cutbacks in mining and in various manufacturing firms and a large seasonal layoff in local government pushed total nonagricultural wage and salary employment down by 7,600 in July. There were an estimated 6,666,600 nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas in mid-July, down 17,900 over the year.

Within nonmanufacturing, there were only two declines over the month -- in mining and in local government. The educational sector of local government was responsible for the largest over-the-month loss, as 20,800 jobs such as maintenance workers were cut for the summer. Moderate gains in the state and local sectors were insufficient to overcome this large decline, keeping total government 16,500 below its June level.

Employers in oil and gas extraction continued cutting jobs, paring 2,400 positions in July. With the loss of these additional jobs, mining dropped 58,500 below its

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	51,900	52,200	52,500	80,800	81,100	81,200	364,400	363,100	354,700
Manufacturing	5,100	5,100	5,400	10,200	10,200	10,200	41,000	41,200	42,700
Mining	3,400	3,400	4,000	1,400	1,500	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	3,000	2,900	2,900	4,000	4,000	4,700	25,700	25,600	28,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	6,100	5,900	6,400	11,500	11,300	10,600
Trade	14,500	14,500	14,200	24,800	24,900	24,200	82,800	82,400	80,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,400	4,600	25,600	25,700	24,800
Services & Misc.	12,900	12,900	12,800	16,700	16,800	16,600	85,100	84,500	81,000
Government	7,500	7,900	7,500	13,200	13,400	12,600	91,600	91,300	85,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,000	128,600	136,700	57,100	58,300	58,500	65,500	65,500	64,200
Manufacturing	25,100	25,000	27,300	15,500	15,600	16,700	9,100	9,100	10,000
Mining	1,300	1,400	2,500	1,600	1,700	1,900	100	100	100
Construction	8,400	8,400	10,100	5,800	6,100	6,100	3,200	3,100	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,400	10,400	2,200	2,100	2,200	3,400	3,300	3,400
Trade	32,400	32,500	33,500	11,400	11,400	11,700	18,400	18,400	18,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,800	2,300	2,300	2,400	3,600	3,600	3,600
Services & Misc.	27,300	27,600	28,400	8,300	8,300	8,100	13,900	13,700	12,800
Government	18,600	19,000	18,700	10,000	10,800	9,400	13,800	14,200	12,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION 2/			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
TOTAL	47,000	46,900	47,300	133,100	133,200	134,900	1,347.8	1,357.0	1,312.4
Manufacturing	3,300	3,200	3,700	12,200	12,000	13,000	235.8	234.8	233.7
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,300	6,200	6,300	8,100	22.2	22.3	24.2
Construction	2,700	2,600	2,800	11,600	11,200	11,400	80.2	82.4	88.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,500	1,600	7,300	7,400	7,700	85.7	85.7	83.7
Trade	11,000	11,300	10,900	34,200	34,100	34,400	360.6	360.5	349.2
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,800	2,100	7,000	7,000	7,000	133.7	133.6	127.3
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,600	7,600	27,800	27,700	27,300	295.3	296.3	277.8
Government	18,100	17,900	17,300	26,800	27,500	26,000	134.3	141.4	128.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	177,700	178,300	176,500	509,200	511,200	503,900	71,800	73,400	72,100
Manufacturing	34,100	34,100	36,100	113,800	114,500	114,800	9,700	9,700	10,800
Mining	300	400	300	3,500	3,500	4,400	400	500	800
Construction	9,500	9,500	9,500	33,500	33,000	34,900	2,900	2,900	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,200	9,100	9,900	28,100	27,300	26,700	5,600	5,500	5,700
Trade	46,000	46,000	44,500	138,300	138,300	136,100	14,400	14,300	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,500	9,500	9,200	28,300	28,000	28,100	4,700	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	34,000	34,300	33,200	106,800	107,000	102,500	13,700	13,500	13,400
Government	35,100	35,400	33,800	56,900	59,600	56,400	20,400	22,300	18,900

year-ago total. Over three-fourths of these deleted positions have been cut since January 1986. On a brighter note, the July loss was the smallest over-the-month decrease since January, when the real slump began. Hopefully, this signals a bottoming-out of the downturn in oil and gas.

For the first time since March, construction posted a gain in July, adding 1,000 positions. Construction activity is normally strongest during the summer, taking advantage of good weather and the availability of temporary summer workers. The largest over-the-month increase among the major industries appeared in transportation and public utilities, but the bulk of this gain was due to communication workers returning to their jobs following a labor-management dispute in June. Other sectors within this group recorded moderate gains and losses.

Seasonal activities boosted retail trade considerably over the month, with the largest growth in the other retail trade sector, which includes eating and drinking places, and in food stores, where students are often hired for the busy summer months. Employers in services reported interspersed growth and declines in July, with increases outweighing losses by 3,100. Health services (including hospitals and nursing homes) added 1,900 jobs; and amusements, including motion pictures, gained 1,400 workers.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**
		HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO 2/	
TOTAL	1,469.8	1,475.1	1,491.1	68,900	68,900	67,100	35,000	35,100	34,600
Manufacturing	161.3	162.5	174.5	8,900	8,900	8,900	1,700	1,700	1,800
Mining	80.2	82.0	92.4	100	100	100	1,600	1,600	2,200
Construction	98.9	98.2	108.9	4,100	4,000	4,400	1,400	1,400	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	99.8	98.3	101.3	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	370.7	370.5	381.7	16,500	16,500	16,400	10,600	10,600	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	115.4	115.2	110.9	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,600	1,500	1,500
Services & Misc.	358.8	358.4	348.6	13,700	13,500	12,600	6,200	6,200	5,600
Government	184.7	190.0	172.8	19,700	20,000	18,800	8,100	8,300	7,700
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION	
TOTAL	67,200	67,500	68,700	89,200	89,400	90,300	81,800	86,000	79,600
Manufacturing	15,500	15,600	16,400	7,100	7,200	8,000	11,800	12,500	11,300
Mining	4,100	4,200	4,600	400	400	600	1,400	1,300	1,700
Construction	3,200	3,200	3,700	4,300	4,500	4,600	4,500	4,600	4,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,700	4,400	4,300	4,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	18,000	18,000	17,600	27,100	27,400	27,000	25,000	26,900	24,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400	5,400	5,200	5,400	4,000	4,000	3,800
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,700	11,800	20,000	19,800	19,800	13,300	13,400	12,800
Government	7,700	7,700	7,500	20,500	20,600	20,300	19,200	20,700	18,100
		MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO 2/	
TOTAL	46,400	46,600	49,300	46,600	47,200	52,700	36,200	36,400	37,100
Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,800	4,400	4,500	5,200	5,700	5,600	5,500
Mining	9,300	9,200	11,500	6,800	6,900	9,200	600	600	900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,300	2,500	3,600	2,100	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,300	2,200	2,600	2,900	2,900	3,000
Trade	10,800	11,000	11,200	13,700	13,900	14,700	9,300	9,300	9,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,300	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,000
Services & Misc.	9,000	9,000	9,200	8,000	8,000	8,100	7,500	7,500	7,600
Government	6,000	6,100	5,500	7,200	7,300	7,400	6,200	6,500	6,300
		SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON 2/			TEXARKANA 2/	
TOTAL	483,600	486,300	479,300	37,200	37,200	37,100	45,200	45,500	46,200
Manufacturing	48,700	48,700	50,700	11,400	11,500	11,900	7,200	7,200	7,800
Mining	2,700	2,700	3,300	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	35,300	35,600	38,000	2,000	1,900	1,800	2,200	2,200	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,600	18,500	19,200	2,100	2,100	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trade	127,300	126,500	125,400	8,300	8,200	8,100	11,400	11,200	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,300	37,300	35,700	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,000	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	111,400	111,000	107,800	7,000	7,000	7,000	9,000	9,100	8,600
Government	102,300	106,000	99,200	4,700	4,800	4,600	11,400	11,900	12,500
		TYLER			VICTORIA 2/			WACO	
TOTAL	63,000	63,800	63,000	27,900	27,900	30,100	76,600	77,500	77,300
Manufacturing	11,000	11,700	12,000	3,200	3,300	3,200	15,400	15,700	16,700
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,800	2,400	2,300	3,200	200	200	200
Construction	3,000	2,900	3,000	1,800	1,700	2,600	4,800	4,600	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Trade	17,700	17,700	17,100	7,900	8,100	8,300	18,900	18,900	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,100	3,900	1,500	1,500	1,700	4,800	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,200	5,400	5,400	5,400	17,800	17,700	17,800
Government	8,400	8,600	7,900	4,200	4,100	4,100	11,100	12,000	10,800
		WICHITA FALLS 2/							
TOTAL	51,300	51,700	51,600						
Manufacturing	8,700	8,700	8,400						
Mining	2,600	2,600	3,000						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900						
Trade	12,900	12,800	13,000						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,700						
Government	10,000	10,500	10,000						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

3/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	July 1986*	June 1986**	July 1985**	Change From June 1986	Change From July 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,666,600	6,674,200	6,684,500	-7,600	-17,900
Manufacturing	965,800	972,600	1,009,000	-6,800	-43,200
Durable Goods	562,700	565,200	596,000	-2,500	-33,300
Lumber & Wood Products	41,600	41,800	42,300	-200	-700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,700	7,700	-100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,900	17,000	17,800	-100	-900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,000	48,500	50,200	-500	-2,200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,600	22,900	24,000	-300	-1,400
Primary Metal Industries	29,000	29,800	33,700	-800	-4,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,300	78,300	83,700	-1,000	-6,400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	40,200	40,300	43,200	-100	-3,000
Machinery, Except Electrical	115,800	117,000	137,300	-1,200	-21,500
Oil Field Machinery	26,800	27,600	40,400	-800	-13,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,400	116,400	116,300	2,000	2,100
Transportation Equipment	81,800	81,600	79,100	200	2,700
Aircraft & Parts	46,300	46,100	41,000	200	5,300
Instruments & Related Products	22,300	22,800	23,300	-500	-1,000
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	11,600	12,000	12,300	-400	-700
Nondurable Goods	403,100	407,400	413,000	-4,300	-9,900
Food & Kindred Products	97,700	98,900	95,200	-1,200	2,500
Meat Products	26,800	27,100	26,000	-300	800
Dairy Products	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Bakery Products	10,700	10,800	10,700	-100	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,200	4,800	-200	-800
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,100	56,100	56,800	-2,000	-2,700
Paper & Allied Products	23,100	23,100	23,000	0	100
Printing & Publishing	77,300	77,100	74,700	200	2,600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	39,400	39,300	37,100	100	2,300
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,400	75,600	78,200	-200	-2,800
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,600	31,800	38,500	-200	-6,900
Petroleum Refining	28,900	29,000	35,500	-100	-6,600
Leather & Leather Products	6,600	6,900	7,800	-300	-1,200
Other Nondurable Goods	33,300	33,700	34,000	-400	-700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,700,800	5,701,600	5,675,500	-800	25,300
Mining	202,800	205,200	261,300	-2,400	-58,500
Oil & Gas Extraction	195,000	197,400	252,800	-2,400	-57,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,800	7,800	8,500	0	-700
Construction	434,100	433,100	460,500	1,000	-26,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	377,400	370,300	387,000	7,100	-9,600
Railroad Transportation	22,100	22,000	23,900	100	-1,800
Transportation, Except Railroads	188,300	187,800	191,100	500	-2,800
Transportation by Air	51,000	50,100	47,100	900	3,900
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	88,800	82,100	90,600	6,700	-1,800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,200	78,400	81,400	-200	-3,200
Electric Services	45,700	45,800	45,900	-100	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	25,000	25,200	28,900	-200	-3,900
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,721,800	1,717,300	1,709,700	4,500	12,100
Wholesale Trade	435,400	436,800	447,100	-1,400	-11,700
Retail Trade	1,286,400	1,280,500	1,262,600	5,900	23,800
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	50,100	51,600	56,400	-1,500	-6,300
General Merchandise Stores	163,200	162,500	157,600	700	5,600
Food Stores	236,200	234,200	225,400	2,000	10,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	147,000	145,900	145,500	1,100	1,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,400	81,000	83,900	-600	-3,500
Other Retail Trade	609,500	605,300	593,800	4,200	15,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	457,800	455,400	443,000	2,400	14,800
Banking	105,300	105,500	108,300	-200	-3,000
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	142,600	142,000	134,200	600	8,400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	209,900	207,900	200,500	2,000	9,400
Services	1,389,100	1,386,000	1,360,700	3,100	28,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	90,600	91,200	89,400	-600	1,200
Personal Services	84,800	83,900	79,000	900	5,800
Business & Repair Services	381,300	381,700	380,200	-400	1,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	60,100	58,700	62,200	1,400	-2,100
Health Services	362,700	360,800	350,600	1,900	12,100
Educational Services	58,700	59,500	57,600	-800	1,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	350,900	350,200	341,700	700	9,200
Total Government	1,117,800	1,134,300	1,053,300	-16,500	64,500
Total Federal Government	192,100	192,000	188,200	100	3,900
Total State Government	236,000	231,800	229,600	4,200	6,400
Total Local Government	689,700	710,500	635,500	-20,800	54,200

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,800	56,200	56,500	102,000	100,000	103,800	424,100	413,600	416,700
Total Unemployment	5,700	6,400	3,600	7,000	7,900	6,200	24,500	28,300	20,600
Percent Unemployed	10.0	11.4	6.4	6.9	7.9	6.0	5.8	6.8	4.9
Total Employment 2/	51,100	49,800	52,900	95,000	92,100	97,600	399,600	385,300	396,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,400	164,100	175,700	80,600	81,400	81,600	95,700	95,600	94,200
Total Unemployment	25,300	30,500	26,600	9,700	11,500	7,800	15,500	18,200	14,200
Percent Unemployed	15.6	18.6	15.1	12.0	14.1	9.6	16.2	19.0	15.1
Total Employment 2/	137,100	133,600	149,100	70,900	69,900	73,800	80,200	77,400	80,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,600	55,500	56,800	169,700	170,400	170,000	1,418.7	1,397.5	1,393.7
Total Unemployment	4,300	5,000	3,300	21,200	25,900	17,100	83.6	97.6	72.9
Percent Unemployed	7.6	9.0	5.8	12.5	15.2	10.1	5.9	7.0	5.2
Total Employment 2/	52,300	50,500	53,500	148,500	144,500	152,900	1,335.1	1,299.9	1,320.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	218,400	216,900	219,000	650,800	639,500	646,000	107,900	109,100	110,500
Total Unemployment	26,900	31,600	25,600	45,400	52,600	36,800	12,600	15,000	12,300
Percent Unemployed	12.3	14.6	11.7	7.0	8.2	5.7	11.7	13.7	11.1
Total Employment 2/	191,500	185,300	193,400	605,400	586,900	609,200	95,300	94,100	98,200
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,686.2	1,672.3	1,702.1	89,100	87,400	87,900	44,300	44,400	43,700
Total Unemployment	181.3	212.0	147.4	7,300	8,200	6,300	7,300	8,500	6,000
Percent Unemployed	10.8	12.7	8.7	8.2	9.4	7.2	16.5	19.1	13.7
Total Employment 2/	1,504.9	1,460.3	1,554.7	81,800	79,200	81,600	37,000	35,900	37,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,800	82,600	83,200	108,700	107,400	111,200	133,500	141,700	132,600
Total Unemployment	11,200	13,200	8,500	7,700	9,300	7,600	26,100	29,700	25,400
Percent Unemployed	13.5	16.0	10.2	7.1	8.7	6.8	19.6	21.0	19.2
Total Employment 2/	71,600	69,400	74,700	101,000	98,100	103,600	107,400	112,000	107,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,400	53,600	54,700	62,100	62,600	63,400	45,100	44,400	46,000
Total Unemployment	6,800	7,600	3,400	11,100	12,300	4,400	3,800	4,100	2,800
Percent Unemployed	12.5	14.2	6.2	17.9	19.6	6.9	8.4	9.2	6.1
Total Employment 2/	47,600	46,000	51,300	51,000	50,300	59,000	41,300	40,300	43,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	567,300	559,900	567,500	47,100	46,300	47,300	57,500	57,300	58,500
Total Unemployment	42,400	49,900	37,900	3,900	4,400	3,500	5,400	6,400	4,900
Percent Unemployed	7.5	8.9	6.7	8.3	9.5	7.4	9.4	11.2	8.4
Total Employment 2/	524,900	510,000	529,600	43,200	41,900	43,800	52,100	50,900	53,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,700	76,200	76,700	37,800	37,500	40,000	89,500	88,700	89,900
Total Unemployment	6,700	8,100	5,400	4,500	5,300	3,000	7,500	8,600	6,200
Percent Unemployed	8.7	10.6	7.0	11.9	14.1	7.5	8.4	9.7	6.9
Total Employment 2/	70,000	68,100	71,300	33,300	32,200	37,000	82,000	80,100	83,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,600	57,300	57,700				8,279.4	8,204.1	8,262.1
Total Unemployment	4,900	5,900	3,600				773.5	906.8	632.4
Percent Unemployed	8.5	10.3	6.2				9.3	11.1	7.7
Total Employment 2/	52,700	51,400	54,100				7,505.9	7,297.3	7,629.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July± 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July± 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July± 1986	June 1986	July 1985
		FOR TEXAS							
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 396.61	$ 395.24	$ 384.48	41.4	41.3	40.6	$ 9.58	$ 9.57	$ 9.47
Durable Goods	386.88	386.26	379.55	41.6	41.4	40.9	9.30	9.33	9.28
Lumber & Wood Products	275.54	276.62	265.86	40.7	40.8	40.1	6.77	6.78	6.63
Furniture & Fixtures	249.29	245.50	227.18	37.6	38.3	37.0	6.63	6.41	6.14
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	392.47	380.12	392.02	44.7	43.0	44.7	8.78	8.84	8.77
Primary Metal Industries	394.63	420.84	426.42	40.6	40.7	41.2	9.72	10.34	10.35
Fabricated Metal Products	357.69	359.88	368.58	40.1	40.3	41.6	8.92	8.93	8.86
Machinery, exc. Electric	396.33	396.90	393.41	41.5	42.0	40.6	9.55	9.45	9.69
Oil Field Machinery	418.94	446.06	468.71	38.4	39.3	41.7	10.91	11.35	11.24
Electric & Electronic Equip.	439.21	430.68	384.34	43.4	42.1	39.5	10.12	10.23	9.73
Transportation Equipment	504.00	512.13	505.12	42.0	42.5	41.1	12.00	12.05	12.29
Instruments & Related Prod.	322.94	341.82	314.82	38.4	39.7	39.5	8.41	8.61	7.97
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	267.55	268.13	263.64	40.6	40.2	39.0	6.59	6.67	6.76
Nondurable Goods	410.94	407.06	392.12	41.3	41.2	40.3	9.95	9.88	9.73
Food & Kindred Products	344.01	347.77	345.49	41.8	41.9	42.6	8.23	8.30	8.11
Meat Products	283.58	277.16	292.22	42.2	41.0	43.1	6.72	6.76	6.78
Malt Beverages	862.05	849.82	809.28	49.6	48.7	48.0	17.38	17.45	16.86
Textile Mill Products	291.29	299.71	280.44	42.4	41.8	41.0	6.87	7.17	6.84
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	194.18	200.34	186.95	37.2	37.8	36.3	5.22	5.30	5.15
Paper & Allied Products	454.65	444.87	436.38	43.3	42.9	42.0	10.50	10.37	10.39
Printing & Publishing	381.57	369.76	361.56	39.5	38.8	39.3	9.66	9.53	9.20
Chemicals & Allied Products	649.89	640.50	625.05	43.5	42.9	42.9	14.94	14.93	14.57
Petroleum & Coal Products	672.72	676.58	620.15	44.2	44.6	39.3	15.22	15.17	15.78
Petroleum Refining	701.96	706.05	641.85	44.4	44.8	38.9	15.81	15.76	16.50
Leather & Leather Products	197.29	210.14	174.24	36.2	38.0	33.0	5.45	5.53	5.28
Other Nondurable Goods	385.34	377.83	361.42	43.2	42.5	40.7	8.92	8.89	8.88
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	509.76	504.71	476.93	43.2	42.2	43.2	11.80	11.96	11.04
Oil & Gas Extraction	514.40	509.72	479.52	43.3	42.3	43.2	11.88	12.05	11.10
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	436.35	414.91	435.15	42.2	40.4	45.0	10.34	10.27	9.67
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	483.20	484.80	460.55	40.0	40.4	39.6	12.08	12.00	11.63
Elec., Gas & San. Services	463.25	467.08	447.88	40.6	40.3	39.6	11.41	11.59	11.31
Wholesale & Retail Trade	230.58	227.22	231.17	32.8	32.6	33.6	7.03	6.97	6.88
Wholesale Trade	384.80	380.89	375.60	40.0	39.8	40.0	9.62	9.57	9.39
Retail Trade	183.91	180.27	183.65	30.6	30.4	31.5	6.01	5.93	5.83
General Merchandise Stores	195.00	190.03	183.26	30.0	29.6	30.8	6.50	6.42	5.95
Banking	272.92	284.98	270.34	37.8	39.2	38.4	7.22	7.27	7.04

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 397.46	$ 396.79	$ 372.69	42.6	41.9	41.0	$ 9.33	$ 9.47	$ 9.09
Durable Goods	419.74	418.08	391.00	42.7	41.6	40.9	9.83	10.05	9.56
Nondurable Goods	355.32	359.55	339.08	42.2	42.4	41.1	8.42	8.48	8.25
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	384.74	395.50	381.23	40.8	41.5	40.6	9.43	9.53	9.39
Durable Goods	398.05	413.09	394.79	40.7	41.6	40.7	9.78	9.93	9.70
Nondurable Goods	351.85	351.02	346.58	41.2	41.2	40.3	8.54	8.52	8.60
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	474.47	468.29	471.49	42.1	41.7	42.4	11.27	11.23	11.12
Durable Goods	402.27	398.26	412.85	41.6	41.1	42.3	9.67	9.69	9.76
Nondurable Goods	561.08	553.74	555.08	42.7	42.4	42.6	13.14	13.06	13.03
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	291.17	299.15	286.24	39.4	40.7	39.7	7.39	7.35	7.21
Durable Goods	308.37	315.53	306.61	40.1	41.3	41.1	7.69	7.64	7.46
Nondurable Goods	274.32	282.71	265.04	38.8	40.1	38.3	7.07	7.05	6.92

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

An increase among credit agencies and security brokers was the primary stimulus for the sizeable growth in finance, insurance and real estate in July. The other finance, insurance and real estate sector, which encompasses brokers and credit agencies, added 2,000 jobs over the month, while insurance carriers, agents and brokers recorded a moderate increase and banking decreased slightly.

Both sectors of manufacturing continued their downward trends of the past few months in July, with the largest losses due to layoffs within nondurable goods. Both temporary and permanent plant closings within apparel and other textile products dropped employment by 2,000 over the month. The closing of a plant and the conclusion of the early tomato harvest were primarily responsible for the downturn of 1,200 in food and kindred products. Most other nondurable goods sectors reported minor declines in July.

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The only upswing in employment in durable goods occurred in electri[illegible] and electronic equipment, where the ending of a labor-management dispute brought workers back to their jobs after a two-month absence. With the continued downturn in oil and gas exploration, many oil field drillers have begun cannibalizing unused rigs for parts; thus, oil field machinery manufacture continues to decline, with 800 positions lost in July.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas was unchanged over the month at 629,300, down 35,200 from the July 1985 estimate. Average weekly hours in manufacturing rose by 0.1 hour between June and July, while average hourly earnings increased by 1¢, raising average weekly earnings by $1.37 over the month. The average production worker in July was working a 41.4-hour week at $9.58 per hour, and averaging $396.61 per week.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
Second Quarter 1986
(April-June 1986)

Abilene	2,447,955
Amarillo	2,429,467
Austin	7,467,613
Beaumont-Port Arthur	10,988,712
Brazoria PMSA	4,075,133
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,726,449
Bryan-College Station	1,591,413
Corpus Christi	8,543,570
Dallas PMSA	27,330,920
El Paso	6,984,495
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	17,740,982
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,803,186
Houston PMSA	77,513,724
Killeen-Temple	1,692,422
Laredo	2,087,784
Longview-Marshall	4,835,694
Lubbock	2,258,537
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,594,562
Midland	3,097,973
Odessa	5,678,919
San Angelo	1,529,221
San Antonio	11,713,579
Sherman-Denison	1,189,619
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,076,051
Tyler	2,530,347
Victoria	2,096,818
Waco	2,938,834
Wichita Falls	2,377,063

TEC ACTIVITIES

	July 1986	July 1985
Total Population	16,751,000	16,370,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.6	1.5
UI Covered Employers	312,482**	311,058
Total Claims Actions	902,729	500,986
Total Initial Claims Actions	92,920	66,378
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	809,809	434,608
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$160.62	$143.87
Total Amount Paid (Net)***	$120,951,815	$53,829,067
Total Placements	INA	46,455

*Revised.
**June 1986 data.
***Regular State UI benefits.

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Labor Market Review

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS SLIGHTLY

Unemployment in Texas changed very little over the month, as the actual unemployment rate slid from 9.3 percent in July to 9.1 percent in August. Some 33,500 fewer people were actively seeking work in August, and total employment declined by 117,200. At mid-month, there were an estimated 740,000 jobless in the State, while employment totaled 7,388,600. A large portion of the declines in both employment and unemployment were seasonal, as some unsuccessful summer job-seekers withdrew from the labor force and a portion of the jobs created for the summer were deleted.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1986	Jul. 1986	Aug. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	119,470.0	120,303.0	116,679.0
Unemployment	7,955.0	8,471.0	8,051.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.0	6.9
Total Employment	111,515.0	111,832.0	108,628.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	118,182.0	118,072.0	115,343.0
Unemployment	8,027.0	8,190.0	8,133.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.9	7.1
Total Employment	110,155.0	109,882.0	107,210.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,128.6	8,279.3	8,144.3
Unemployment	740.0	773.5	566.7
Percent Unemployed	9.1	9.3	7.0
Total Employment	7,388.6	7,505.8	7,577.6
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,068.0	8,108.0	8,082.0
Unemployment	740.0	707.0	574.0
Percent Unemployed	9.2	8.7	7.1
Total Employment	7,328.0	7,401.0	7,508.0

The seasonality of the over-the-month changes was substantiated by the upward trend of the unemployment rate in the seasonally adjusted series, which rose from 8.7 percent in July to 9.2 percent in August. The August rates in both the actual and the seasonally adjusted series were over two percentage points above those for August 1985. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate inched down from 6.9 percent to 6.8 percent over the month, while the actual rate dropped a bit more, from 7.0 percent in July to 6.7 percent in August.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DOWN

Seasonal declines combined with continued layoffs related to the drop in oil and gas activity in August, pushing the total count of nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas down by 11,100. Most of the decrease occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector, while manufacturing recorded an over-the-month increase for the first time in a year.

The largest of the declines in nonmanufacturing occurred in government, where both the state and local sectors deleted jobs in August. In both state and local government, a large portion of the decline was due to state universities and colleges laying off personnel at the end of the summer semester. Employment in local government also declined due to summer recreational programs ending.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'86*	Jul.'86**	Aug.'85**	Aug.'86*	Jul.'86**	Aug.'85**	Aug.'86*	Jul.'86**	Aug.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	51,600	51,700	52,400	80,600	80,500	81,500	359,100	360,900	355,700
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	5,300	10,100	10,100	10,300	40,800	41,100	42,800
Mining	3,400	3,400	4,000	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	4,100	4,000	4,900	25,500	26,000	28,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	6,000	6,100	6,400	11,600	11,600	10,700
Trade	14,400	14,500	14,300	24,700	24,800	24,300	82,600	82,600	80,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,400	4,600	25,600	25,700	24,900
Services & Misc.	13,000	12,900	12,700	16,700	16,600	16,500	85,300	85,100	81,600
Government	7,400	7,500	7,500	13,200	13,100	12,600	86,600	87,700	85,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,200	128,100	135,200	56,400	56,900	58,100	65,200	65,200	64,500
Manufacturing	25,200	25,200	26,700	15,500	15,500	16,500	9,100	9,200	9,800
Mining	1,200	1,300	2,400	1,300	1,600	1,800	100	100	100
Construction	8,400	8,300	9,800	5,700	5,700	6,100	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,600	10,300	2,000	2,100	2,200	3,600	3,400	3,500
Trade	32,000	32,500	33,500	11,300	11,400	11,600	18,600	18,500	18,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,700	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,600	3,600	3,600
Services & Misc.	27,100	27,300	28,300	8,300	8,300	8,100	13,800	13,900	12,900
Government	18,400	18,600	18,500	10,000	10,000	9,500	13,200	13,300	12,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION 2/			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
TOTAL	46,500	46,600	47,000	132,500	134,100	134,900	1,344.7	1,348.5	1,313.1
Manufacturing	3,200	3,300	3,700	12,300	12,400	12,900	234.8	235.7	233.9
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,300	6,100	6,200	7,900	21.5	21.9	24.2
Construction	2,500	2,700	2,800	11,100	11,500	11,400	79.3	80.6	88.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600	7,600	8,000	7,800	86.5	86.4	84.4
Trade	11,100	11,000	10,900	34,300	34,200	34,600	360.0	359.9	349.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,100	6,800	6,900	7,000	134.3	134.0	127.5
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,300	7,600	27,400	27,900	27,200	294.2	295.4	277.6
Government	17,800	17,900	17,000	26,900	27,000	26,100	134.1	134.6	127.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	175,600	175,200	177,600	510,700	508,800	505,300	71,800	71,800	72,000
Manufacturing	34,400	34,000	38,100	115,000	114,500	114,400	9,700	9,700	10,500
Mining	300	300	400	3,500	3,500	4,400	400	400	800
Construction	9,500	9,500	9,400	34,200	33,900	35,000	2,800	2,900	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,200	9,200	9,600	28,200	28,000	26,400	5,600	5,600	5,700
Trade	45,900	46,000	44,400	137,900	137,100	137,500	14,600	14,400	14,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,500	9,500	9,200	28,500	28,300	28,100	4,700	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	34,100	34,000	33,000	106,500	106,600	102,700	13,600	13,700	13,400
Government	32,700	32,700	33,500	56,900	56,900	56,800	20,400	20,400	18,800

Further losses in oil and gas extraction reduced mining employment by 4,300 over the month, leaving this industry 25 percent below its August 1985 level. Within services, the other services and miscellaneous sector was primarily responsible for the over-the-month decrease, as summer sports programs were phased out, summer workers in legal services were cut, and the demand for landscaping and horticultural services declined. Two other sectors, health services and educational services, recorded moderate growth over the month, but these increases were insufficient to overcome the larger loss. Every major segment of transportation and public utilities either registered employment declines or no change in August. The largest of the decreases were in electric, gas and sanitary services and in communication.

Partially offsetting these declines in nonmanufacturing were moderate advances in the retail portion of trade and in finance, insurance and real estate. Employers in trade added 2,100 workers in August, with all of the gain in the retail sector. Wholesale trade continued downward over the month and had lost 12,400 jobs during the past year. Much of this decline occurred in oil well machinery, equipment and supplies, for which there has been no demand in the past few months. Within the retail segment, back-to-school buying prompted additions in apparel and accessory stores, and smaller increases were reported among general merchandise stores and food stores.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'86*	Jul.'86**	Aug.'85**	Aug.'86*	Jul.'86**	Aug.'85**	Aug.'86*	Jul.'86**	Aug.'85**
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO 2/		
TOTAL	1,462.4	1,466.6	1,488.9	68,200	68,700	67,000	35,700	35,600	34,300
Manufacturing	160.0	160.1	174.2	8,900	8,900	8,800	2,000	1,700	1,800
Mining	79.5	80.9	92.4	100	100	100	1,600	1,600	2,000
Construction	98.6	98.4	108.9	3,900	4,100	4,400	1,400	1,400	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	97.7	98.6	101.0	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	371.1	370.4	381.3	16,600	16,500	16,300	10,700	10,700	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	116.0	115.5	111.6	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	356.8	358.3	347.2	13,400	13,600	12,500	6,200	6,200	5,700
Government	182.7	184.4	172.3	19,400	19,600	19,000	8,400	8,600	7,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,800	66,800	68,600	90,100	89,700	91,200	82,300	82,200	80,100
Manufacturing	15,500	15,500	16,200	7,200	7,200	8,000	11,700	12,000	11,100
Mining	4,100	4,100	4,600	400	400	500	1,400	1,300	1,700
Construction	3,100	3,100	3,700	4,400	4,300	5,100	4,700	4,600	4,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,600	3,600	4,400	4,400	4,500	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	17,700	17,700	17,800	27,200	27,300	27,200	25,200	25,200	24,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,400	5,400	5,500	5,400	3,900	3,900	3,900
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,600	11,800	20,400	20,000	19,900	13,400	13,400	12,800
Government	7,600	7,600	7,500	20,700	20,600	20,600	19,400	19,200	18,700
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO 2/		
TOTAL	46,100	46,300	49,300	46,200	46,700	52,500	36,300	36,400	37,300
Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,800	4,300	4,400	5,100	5,700	5,700	5,500
Mining	9,100	9,100	11,500	6,800	6,900	9,000	600	600	900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,300	2,400	3,500	2,100	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,300	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,700	2,800	2,800	3,100
Trade	10,800	10,800	11,200	13,600	13,500	14,800	9,400	9,400	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,200	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,000
Services & Misc.	8,900	9,000	9,300	8,000	8,000	8,100	7,500	7,500	7,700
Government	6,100	6,100	5,500	7,100	7,300	7,400	6,300	6,400	6,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON 2/			TEXARKANA 2/		
TOTAL	482,900	483,400	480,700	37,300	37,200	36,700	45,400	45,300	45,800
Manufacturing	48,700	48,500	51,400	11,300	11,400	11,700	7,100	7,000	7,700
Mining	2,700	2,700	3,300	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	35,200	35,400	38,100	1,900	2,000	1,700	2,200	2,200	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,600	18,500	19,300	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	127,600	127,400	126,000	8,400	8,400	8,100	11,500	11,400	11,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,400	37,300	36,700	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	110,200	111,300	107,500	7,200	7,000	6,900	9,100	9,100	8,500
Government	102,500	102,300	98,400	4,800	4,700	4,600	11,600	11,700	12,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA 2/			WACO		
TOTAL	63,800	63,300	62,000	27,700	27,600	29,800	76,500	76,700	76,700
Manufacturing	11,300	10,900	11,000	3,200	3,200	3,300	15,500	15,500	16,800
Mining	2,200	2,000	2,800	2,200	2,200	3,100	200	200	200
Construction	2,700	2,900	3,000	1,800	1,800	2,500	4,700	4,800	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Trade	18,400	18,200	17,100	7,900	7,900	8,200	18,900	18,800	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,000	4,100	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	13,900	13,800	13,100	5,500	5,400	5,400	18,000	17,900	17,400
Government	8,300	8,400	7,900	4,100	4,100	4,100	10,800	11,100	10,500
	WICHITA FALLS 2/								
TOTAL	51,100	51,400	51,400						
Manufacturing	8,600	8,700	8,500						
Mining	2,600	2,600	3,000						
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	12,900	12,900	12,900						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,700						
Government	9,800	10,000	9,900						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

3/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Aug. 1986*	Jul. 1986**	Aug. 1985**	Change From Jul. 1986	Change From Aug. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,653,400	6,664,500	6,677,000	-11,100	-23,600
Manufacturing	969,600	967,500	1,009,100	2,100	-39,500
Durable Goods	563,900	564,100	594,400	-200	-30,500
Lumber & Wood Products	41,300	41,600	42,200	-300	-900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,600	7,700	100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	17,200	17,000	18,100	200	-900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,600	48,000	50,400	-400	-2,800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,400	22,600	24,100	-200	-1,700
Primary Metal Industries	30,400	29,700	33,700	700	-3,300
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,300	77,100	84,000	200	-6,700
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	40,200	40,200	43,600	0	-3,400
Machinery, Except Electrical	114,700	115,700	134,600	-1,000	-19,900
Oil Field Machinery	25,800	26,600	39,600	-800	-13,800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,100	118,600	116,100	-500	2,000
Transportation Equipment	83,200	82,500	79,600	700	3,600
Aircraft & Parts	48,000	46,900	41,700	1,100	6,300
Instruments & Related Products	22,500	22,600	23,400	-100	-900
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	11,600	11,300	12,300	300	-700
Nondurable Goods	405,700	403,400	414,700	2,300	-9,000
Food & Kindred Products	100,200	98,800	96,000	1,400	4,200
Meat Products	27,700	27,100	26,600	600	1,100
Dairy Products	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Bakery Products	10,800	10,700	10,700	100	100
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,100	3,000	-100	0
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,800	0	-800
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	55,200	53,800	57,800	1,400	-2,600
Paper & Allied Products	23,000	23,100	23,200	-100	-200
Printing & Publishing	76,200	76,700	74,800	-500	1,400
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,300	38,900	37,100	-600	1,200
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,000	75,400	77,700	-400	-2,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,600	31,600	38,400	0	-6,800
Petroleum Refining	28,700	28,800	35,400	-100	-6,700
Leather & Leather Products	6,900	6,700	7,900	200	-1,000
Other Nondurable Goods	33,500	33,300	34,100	200	-600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,683,800	5,697,000	5,667,900	-13,200	15,900
Mining	198,300	202,600	259,400	-4,300	-61,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	190,600	194,800	251,000	-4,200	-60,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,700	7,800	8,400	-100	-700
Construction	433,500	434,300	460,400	-800	-26,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	376,100	377,200	384,600	-1,100	-8,500
Railroad Transportation	22,000	22,000	23,800	0	-1,800
Transportation, Except Railroads	188,200	188,400	189,300	-200	-1,100
Transportation by Air	51,400	51,000	47,600	400	3,800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	88,200	88,650	90,500	-450	-2,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,700	78,200	81,000	-500	-3,300
Electric Services	45,600	45,800	45,400	-200	200
Gas Production & Distribution	24,700	24,900	28,900	-200	-4,200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,723,100	1,721,000	1,713,900	2,100	9,200
Wholesale Trade	434,800	435,700	447,200	-900	-12,400
Retail Trade	1,288,300	1,285,300	1,266,700	3,000	21,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,700	50,300	55,900	-600	-6,200
General Merchandise Stores	164,000	163,200	158,400	800	5,600
Food Stores	237,200	236,500	226,600	700	10,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	147,200	146,800	146,700	400	500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,400	80,100	84,700	1,300	-3,300
Other Retail Trade	608,800	608,400	594,400	400	14,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	458,100	457,200	443,800	900	14,300
Banking	104,500	105,200	108,400	-700	-3,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	143,600	143,000	134,400	600	9,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	210,000	209,000	201,000	1,000	9,000
Services	1,388,000	1,390,800	1,359,200	-2,800	28,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	91,100	91,000	90,400	100	700
Personal Services	83,700	83,900	79,300	-200	4,400
Business & Repair Services	383,100	382,900	380,400	200	2,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	58,200	58,600	60,900	-400	-2,700
Health Services	364,300	362,900	351,200	1,400	13,100
Educational Services	60,300	59,100	58,700	1,200	1,600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	347,300	352,400	338,300	-5,100	9,000
Total Government	1,106,700	1,113,900	1,046,600	-7,200	60,100
Total Federal Government	191,800	191,100	188,100	700	3,700
Total State Government	231,500	234,900	226,300	-3,400	5,200
Total Local Government	683,400	687,900	632,200	-4,500	51,200

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Aug.'86*	Jul.'86**	Aug.'85**	Aug.'86*	Jul.'86**	Aug.'85**	Aug.'86*	Jul.'86**	Aug.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,400	56,700	55,800	100,100	101,900	103,000	413,500	421,700	414,400
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,700	3,100	6,600	7,000	5,500	23,900	24,600	18,800
Percent Unemployed	9.7	10.1	5.6	6.6	6.9	5.3	5.8	5.8	4.5
Total Employment 2/	50,000	51,000	52,700	93,500	94,900	97,500	389,600	397,100	395,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	158,000	162,300	170,500	78,500	80,300	80,000	93,100	95,200	92,300
Total Unemployment	23,700	25,200	23,700	9,100	9,700	7,200	14,000	15,400	12,100
Percent Unemployed	15.0	15.5	13.9	11.6	12.1	9.0	15.0	16.2	13.1
Total Employment 2/	134,300	137,100	146,800	69,400	70,600	72,800	79,100	79,800	80,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,900	56,300	55,700	165,900	170,600	167,000	1,393.1	1,419.5	1,379.6
Total Unemployment	3,800	4,200	2,800	20,200	21,200	15,500	80.4	83.5	67.2
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.5	5.0	12.2	12.4	9.3	5.8	5.9	4.9
Total Employment 2/	51,100	52,100	52,900	145,700	149,400	151,500	1,312.7	1,336.0	1,312.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	211,600	216,500	216,000	641,500	650,500	639,500	106,000	108,100	108,200
Total Unemployment	24,600	27,000	22,300	42,900	45,400	32,500	12,000	12,600	10,700
Percent Unemployed	11.6	12.5	10.3	6.7	7.0	5.1	11.3	11.7	9.9
Total Employment 2/	187,000	189,500	193,700	598,600	605,100	607,000	94,000	95,500	97,500
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,650.9	1,681.6	1,672.2	87,200	89,200	87,100	44,000	45,000	42,600
Total Unemployment	175.2	181.2	129.8	6,900	7,400	5,800	7,100	7,400	5,300
Percent Unemployed	10.6	10.8	7.8	7.9	8.3	6.7	16.1	16.4	12.4
Total Employment 2/	1,475.7	1,500.4	1,542.4	80,300	81,800	81,300	36,900	37,600	37,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,600	82,600	82,100	107,400	109,000	109,900	132,600	134,100	130,500
Total Unemployment	10,400	11,200	7,700	7,100	7,700	6,400	26,400	26,100	24,200
Percent Unemployed	12.9	13.6	9.4	6.6	7.1	5.8	19.9	19.5	18.5
Total Employment 2/	70,200	71,400	74,400	100,300	101,300	103,500	106,200	108,000	106,300
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,900	54,200	54,000	60,600	62,300	62,300	43,700	45,000	45,100
Total Unemployment	6,500	6,700	3,000	10,500	11,100	4,000	3,200	3,800	2,300
Percent Unemployed	12.3	12.4	5.6	17.3	17.8	6.4	7.3	8.4	5.1
Total Employment 2/	46,400	47,500	51,000	50,100	51,200	58,300	40,500	41,200	42,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	557,900	567,300	559,700	46,700	47,300	46,600	56,600	57,400	58,100
Total Unemployment	41,400	42,500	33,400	3,800	3,900	3,100	4,900	5,400	4,900
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.5	6.0	8.1	8.2	6.7	8.7	9.4	8.4
Total Employment 2/	516,500	524,800	526,300	42,900	43,400	43,500	51,700	52,000	53,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,000	77,200	76,400	37,100	37,600	39,200	87,800	89,500	88,400
Total Unemployment	7,100	6,700	6,400	4,100	4,500	2,600	7,100	7,500	5,300
Percent Unemployed	9.2	8.7	8.4	11.1	12.0	6.6	8.1	8.4	6.0
Total Employment 2/	69,900	70,500	70,000	33,000	33,100	36,600	80,700	82,000	83,100
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,600	57,800	56,800				8,128.6	8,279.3	8,144.3
Total Unemployment	4,800	5,000	3,200				740.0	773.5	566.7
Percent Unemployed	8.5	8.7	5.6				9.1	9.3	7.0
Total Employment 2/	51,800	52,800	53,600				7,388.6	7,505.8	7,577.6

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug.± 1986	Jul. 1986	Aug. 1985	Aug.± 1986	Jul. 1986	Aug. 1985	Aug.± 1986	Jul. 1986	Aug. 1985
			FOR TEXAS						
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 399.49	$ 394.97	$ 389.87	41.7	41.1	41.3	$ 9.58	$ 9.61	$ 9.44
Durable Goods	390.21	382.42	386.46	41.6	40.9	41.6	9.38	9.35	9.29
Lumber & Wood Products	272.16	272.28	265.05	40.5	40.1	39.5	6.72	6.79	6.71
Furniture & Fixtures	277.20	240.86	248.46	42.0	37.4	40.4	6.60	6.44	6.15
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	392.03	391.57	386.59	44.6	44.7	44.9	8.79	8.76	8.61
Primary Metal Industries	419.36	419.62	430.73	39.6	40.7	41.9	10.59	10.31	10.28
Fabricated Metal Products	362.39	356.80	372.59	40.4	40.0	42.1	8.97	8.92	8.85
Machinery, exc. Electric	387.84	394.56	396.62	40.4	41.1	41.1	9.60	9.60	9.65
Oil Field Machinery	420.31	417.76	476.21	37.9	37.2	41.7	11.09	11.23	11.42
Electric & Electronic Equip.	430.10	414.10	405.08	42.5	40.4	41.0	10.12	10.25	9.88
Transportation Equipment	534.26	502.85	521.17	43.9	41.8	42.2	12.17	12.03	12.35
Instruments & Related Prod.	346.23	320.04	325.62	40.4	38.1	40.3	8.57	8.40	8.08
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	259.26	267.81	263.93	40.7	40.7	39.1	6.37	6.58	6.75
Nondurable Goods	410.33	411.93	395.65	41.7	41.4	41.0	9.84	9.95	9.65
Food & Kindred Products	353.38	347.71	337.45	43.2	42.3	42.5	8.18	8.22	7.94
Meat Products	283.05	280.31	288.65	42.5	41.9	42.7	6.66	6.69	6.76
Malt Beverages	892.21	862.05	813.62	51.1	49.6	48.2	17.46	17.38	16.88
Textile Mill Products	310.10	289.49	289.25	43.8	42.2	42.6	7.08	6.86	6.79
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	195.36	194.03	197.69	37.0	37.1	37.8	5.28	5.23	5.23
Paper & Allied Products	447.98	456.62	446.26	43.2	43.2	43.2	10.37	10.57	10.33
Printing & Publishing	379.99	376.49	370.94	39.5	39.3	39.8	9.62	9.58	9.32
Chemicals & Allied Products	628.23	648.63	614.98	43.0	43.3	42.5	14.61	14.98	14.47
Petroleum & Coal Products	684.73	681.10	644.52	44.9	44.4	41.0	15.25	15.34	15.72
Petroleum Refining	711.22	711.82	667.48	44.9	44.6	40.7	15.84	15.96	16.40
Leather & Leather Products	220.22	216.22	230.22	38.1	37.8	39.9	5.78	5.72	5.77
Other Nondurable Goods	396.32	387.94	370.23	43.6	43.2	41.0	9.09	8.98	9.03
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	506.94	507.61	476.43	42.6	42.8	42.5	11.90	11.86	11.21
Oil & Gas Extraction	511.55	511.03	478.27	42.7	42.8	42.4	11.98	11.94	11.28
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	433.26	440.77	431.42	41.5	42.3	44.8	10.44	10.42	9.63
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	480.33	480.30	472.03	40.5	40.6	39.6	11.86	11.83	11.92
Elec., Gas & San. Services	456.55	466.09	450.40	40.8	40.6	40.0	11.19	11.48	11.26
Wholesale & Retail Trade	228.66	229.27	230.82	32.9	32.8	33.5	6.95	6.99	6.89
Wholesale Trade	377.15	382.24	376.40	39.7	39.9	40.0	9.50	9.58	9.41
Retail Trade	183.57	182.68	182.79	30.8	30.6	31.3	5.96	5.97	5.84
General Merchandise Stores	193.62	196.76	177.61	30.3	30.6	29.7	6.39	6.43	5.98
Banking	275.12	273.22	267.14	38.0	38.0	38.0	7.24	7.19	7.03

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 398.47	$ 393.34	$ 381.47	42.3	41.8	41.6	$ 9.42	$ 9.41	$ 9.17
Durable Goods	420.33	413.09	401.70	42.5	41.6	41.8	9.89	9.93	9.61
Nondurable Goods	360.78	357.43	343.60	42.0	42.1	41.1	8.59	8.49	8.36
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	396.76	392.64	395.08	41.2	41.2	41.5	9.63	9.53	9.52
Durable Goods	419.33	410.52	411.46	41.6	41.3	41.9	10.08	9.94	9.82
Nondurable Goods	340.54	346.01	352.69	40.3	40.9	40.4	8.45	8.46	8.73
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	480.80	476.70	470.30	42.7	42.0	42.6	11.26	11.35	11.04
Durable Goods	401.52	396.62	420.97	42.0	41.1	43.0	9.56	9.65	9.79
Nondurable Goods	576.40	571.51	540.99	43.7	43.1	42.1	13.19	13.26	12.85
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	296.79	297.82	295.48	40.6	40.3	40.7	7.31	7.39	7.26
Durable Goods	315.34	308.43	319.70	40.9	39.9	42.4	7.71	7.73	7.54
Nondurable Goods	277.78	286.64	271.75	40.2	40.6	39.1	6.91	7.06	6.95

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Despite further layoffs in banking, which has now lost 3,900 jobs over the year, the finance, insurance and real estate group managed an increase of 900 in August. The largest number of jobs were created within credit agencies and in the real estate portions of the other finance, insurance and real estate sector, which increased by 1,000 over the month. A smaller gain was registered among insurance carriers, agents and brokers.

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Although the over-the-month growth in manufacturing was modest, it was a welcome change from the continual downturns experienced during the past year. The expansion was not, however, evenly spread between durable and nondurable goods, as the durable goods sector actually lost jobs in August. The most notable growth within durable goods occurred in primary metal industries, where workers at a large plant returned from unpaid vacations. Newly awarded defense contracts helped boost employment in the aircraft and parts segment of transportation equipment. These gains were partially obscured by extensive cuts in nonelectrical machinery, where employment in oil field machinery continued to decline. More moderate decreases occurred in electric and electronic equipment, in stone, clay and glass products, and in lumber and wood products.

There were two substantial increases in nondurable goods in August, as food and kindred products and apparel and other finished textile products each gained 1,400 jobs. The preparation of poultry for the coming Holiday season and the canning of chili peppers generated seasonal growth in food and kindred products over the month. The recall of temporarily laid-off workers by manufacturers of apparel pushed employment in apparel and other finished textile products upward. Most other nondurable goods sectors registered small downturns in August.

AVERAGE HOURS WORKED RISE WHILE AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS DROP

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas rose over the month by 3,500, totaling 628,200 in mid-August. The average hours worked per week increased by 0.6 hour in August, while average hourly earnings declined by 3¢. At mid-month, the average worker earned $9.58 an hour for a 41.7-hour week, while his average weekly earnings were $399.49.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1985
Total Population	16,782,750	16,401,750*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.7	1.5
UI Covered Employers	315,457	312,144
Total Claims Actions	816,241	450,408
Total Initial Claims Actions	81,431	61,950
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	734,810	388,458
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$159.50	$143.63
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$108,318,851	$52,899,212
Total Placements	28,338	41,276

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Both the number of hours worked per week and average hourly earnings rose in the durable goods sector; but hourly earnings dropped by 11¢ within nondurable goods as several industries reported either less overtime worked or more overtime without premium pay.